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POLITICAL POT ABOUT READY TO BOIL

Christmas at Provident Hospital —Y. M. C. A. Building to be Erected in the Spring—New Year's Receptions.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Chicago, Ill., Special to The Freeman.

The annual military ball of the Eighth Regiment was held on New Year's night at the Seventh Regiment armory. It was one of the most largely attended balls that has ever been held in Chicago for many a year. Several thousand people attended and there were visitors from all parts of the country.

Military Music.

On entering the ball room, one was welcomed by the sweet strains of music from the Eighth Regiment band under the direction of Sergeant "Bill" Berry. Soldiers in the uniforms, from colonel down to the privates were out in great numbers accompanied by their wives and sweethearts.

The armory, which is a massive one, was beautifully decorated with American flags and especially were the decorations pretty in the east section of the armory balcony floor, where Colonel and Mrs. John R. Marshall and the staff officers and their wives and friends sat and watched the dancers.

Grand March.

The grand march took place at 10 o'clock. It was led by Mr. Garfield Wilson and Miss India Demming, followed by Colonel Marshall and wife, Major R. R. Jackson, Major Franklin Denison and wife Capt. W. T. Jefferson and wife, Capt. John Fry and wife, Capt. Nelson and wife, Capt. Leonard Lewis and company and thousands of others following.

The costumes worn by those attending were most beautiful and stylish. The very latest creations were much in evidence. The picture of the grand march was a charming one viewed by one sitting in the balcony. The figure eight was formed by the marches, which was concluded by a two step.

Col. Marshall Pleased.

Col. Marshall stated to the "war correspondent" that it was one of the finest crowds he had ever witnessed at a Chicago ball. People of best respect from all sections of the city were present and exchanged New Year's greetings.

Capt. John Fry and "Dominick" had charge of the refreshments that were extended to the gentlemen who were friends of the staff officers. Major Frank Denison and Lieut. "Louis" Anderson sat for the most of the evening in the west corner of headquarters, telling "tales" about "war times" and mixing them with "stories" on well-known personages hereabouts.

Field Day in June.

At the close of the ball, Col. Marshall stated to The Freeman correspondent that when the national Republican convention meets in this city in June, that if the White Sox ball team is absent from the city, he would make an effort to have a "field day" for the Eighth regiment. This is a day when the entire regiment has a sham battle, scales walls, and goes through the manual used by the United States soldiers. This will be a splendid occasion at which time the white and colored citizens far and near can really see the work done by this regiment and why they get the praise from the National Guard and United States government for being the crack regiment of this country.

Col. Marshall is now deeply interested in the upbuilding of the new regiment. From the latest reports it is likely that the building will be in process of erection this spring. ith ample accommodations, many new companies will be formed and more of the more intelligent class of Wyoung men of the city to don the blue.

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Politics.

Politics in Chicago will begin to boil in a very few days. National politics are being considered by the leaders of the G. O. P. and local politics will be ushered in before the month is over. In the race among the colored citizens that have announced themselves as candidates are Mr. Oscar DePrist, former county commissioner; Dr. E. S. Miller, Rev. Chavis and Lawyer A. N. Simms are out for county commissioner. There is some talk of James Brewington to run against Hon. Edward Green, but this has not been taken seriously. Hon. Edward Wright is to be reckoned with, and the Rev. A. J. Carey has some "irons in the fire." Wires will also be laid to the effect that if a Republican President is elected some man from this city may secure the place of Cyrus Adams, now serving as Assistant Registrar of the Treasury.

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Christmas at Provident.

Miss Jeannette Lyon, superintendent of Provident Hospital, and her assistant, Miss Wallick, are being congratulated upon giving the nurses in training such excellent opportunities to enjoy the Christmas holidays. Through Miss Lyon the nurses had a Christmas tree on Christmas night and it was one of the most pleasing evenings in the history of the institution. The tree was loadet with remembrances for the nurses, given them by frients and relatives. Miss Lyons was given a handsome sewing table by Dr. Geo. C. Hall and Mr. Alfred Anderson.

On Christmas morning at an early hour the lights of the hospital were turned out and the nurses, gowned in new caps and gowns, with candles in hands, marched through the hospital singing "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. Flowers were placed on each table by the sirk and they were wished "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

On Thursday night of the same week the nurses gave a danre and whist party in the parlors of the "Freer" home. The parlors were artistisally decorated for the occasion. Miss Blanche Dixon, a senior nurse, took the initiative in the party. Quite a number of the prominent physicians and their wives and a number of popular people were present and enjoyed the evening immensely.

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Y. M. C. A. Building.

The Chicago people are elated over the news that the Y. M. C. A. building will be in process of erection by spring. The drawings of the building appeared in the colored press last week. The building will be known as the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. and located at 38th and Wabash avenue. The building will be five stories high, of pressed brick, and will occupy the entire lot, 76 by 154 feet. The building will face Wabash avenue.

The ground floor will be used for the boys' department, with necessary offices and check rooms and other rooms used for boys. The bowling alley, natatorium, the laundry, men's locker room, shower baths and several offices will be on this floor.

On the first floor will be the billiard room, library, the reception room and lobby and the secretary's office. In the center of the building are the assembly hall, seating capacity for 300 men, the dining room and kitchen; in the rear of the building is the gymnasium. The gymnasium is 50x72 feet and will be fitted with necessary equipment.

On the second floor will be located the class rooms. The rooms will be used in giving instructions to men in courses that will be laid out by the department. There are twelve rooms that will be used by the men who desire to live in the building. The running track of the gymnasium occupies the rear of this floor.

The third and fourth floors will be used for dormitory purposes. The arrangement is so made that each room is well lighted, as they are placed on alleys, streets or courts. The rooms will be electrically lighted and steam heated. There will be trunk rooms, toilet rooms, well-lighted corridors and broad stairways leading to these rooms.

Mr. Pierce, the local secretary, is much pleased with the way in which those who have subscribed are paying up their subscriptions. If the citizens that have subscribed will be prompt in paying there will be no delay in the building. The honor of the Chicago people is at stake and the young men are in need of such a building. The only question at issue now is each person paying their subscription.

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Fellowship League.

A most unfortunate report appeared in the daily papers to the effect that over the Fellowship League, 2830 State street, a craps game was in progress at a particular time before the police were given a shakeup along the "Stroll." A colored man who was before the commission stated that in the building of the Fellowship League, of which Mrs. Ida Wells aBrnett is president, gambling was often indulged in by men on the second floor. The report has caused quite a comment and it is to be regretted by the colored citizens from the fact that too often white papers show up the worst side of the race when the facts show different. The attaches deny that there have been games in the Fellowship building.

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New Year's Reception.

One of the most delightful New Years receptions among the Chicago society people was that of Miss Ethel Thomas, of 3308 Indiana avenue. Miss Thomas and Misses Ethel and Ada Lou Mitchell, Garnetta Tibbs, Norma, Bernice and Mildred Kennedy, Cecelia Johnson and Mae Coleman were in the receiving line.

A host of young men called during the afternoon and wished the young misses a Happy New Year. After the exchange of greetings the callers were ushered to the dining room by Miss Thomas, where delicious refreshments were served by the Misses Norma Kennedy and Ethel Mitchell. After 8 o'clock six specially invited young men were present and served with a delightful New Year. Following this feature of the day's program dancing was indulged in by the special party.

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One of the most beautiful receptions of the New Years holiday season was that of the Twentieth Century Whist Party at the residence of Miss Essie Arnold, 3630 Calumet avenue. The gowns worn by those in the receiving line were perfectly charming.

At the head of the line stood Mrs. John R. Marshall, Mrs. Geo. Cleveland Hall, Miss Essie Arnold, Mrs. Dave McGowan, Mrs. Birdie Parrish, Misses Blanche and Emma Shaw, Mrs. Charles Martin, Miss Lucy Lindsey, Miss Mayme Smith. Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins and Mrs. Daisy Dickerson served at the punch bowl.

Probably more of the society people of Chicago attended this reception than any given on New Years Day. Most of the professional and business men of the city, handsomely groomed, paid their respects to the members of the whist club.

The decorations, which were arranged by Miss Arnold, were perfectly charming. The color scheme was red and green. Beautiful streamers were hung from the chandeliers and Christmas bells were in evidence in the handsome parlors, while the stairway was festooned with red and green decorations. The club starts off this season under splendid auspices. It is one of the most popular clubs of the city.

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Dr. Williams Goes to Nashville.

Dr. Dan Williams will leave for Nashville, Tenn., about the first week in February. He will remain six days at the famous Meharry Medical College to be the guest of Dr. Hubbard. Dr. Williams will conduct a clinic daily at Meharry College, where there is a student enrollment of 550.

The clinic this year is expected to exceed those of other years in point of variety of cases and the major surgery to be done. It is learned here that physicians from many parts of the South have cases of an unparalleled nature to be considered at the clinic in February.

There is much interest aroused in the coming clinic that one of the daily papers of Chicago will send a representative to be present at the clinic for the entire week.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald, of the Sears-Roebuck Company, one of the wealthiest firms in the Northwest, paid Meharry a visit recently and was much impressed with what he saw. It is thought here that he will take more than a passing notice to Meharry's interest.

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Mr. Frank P. George, manager of Miss St. Clair White, the young violinist, informs the writer that he expects to make dates in Indianapolis and other cities for the performer and that later on she will go East for a big concert. Miss White is the young miss that has received a silver, gold and diamond-studded medal from the Chicago Conservatory of Music. She is now termed one of the three great violinists of the race.

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Little Miss Marvel Clinkscale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Clinkscale, entertained with a Christmas tree party during the holidays.

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Mr. Adelbert Roberts and Miss Celia Parker Wooley were speakers at Bethel church on New Years night. Watch meeting services followed.

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Mrs. Haydee Campbell, of St. Louis, Mo., is recovering from an operation performed by Dr. Geo. C. Hall at Provident Hospital some weeks ago. Mrs. Campbell is one of the most prominent women of St. Louis and her recovery is being received here with great delight.

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Saturday night, January 6, the Appomattox Club will hold their annual installation of officers. Colonel Cowan, the newly elected president, has his address in readiness, as well as the other officers, and the meeting is expected to be a grand one. On Wednesday night of last week the club gave a banquet for its members and friends.

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The rumor has reached here that Dr. Henry Clay Bryant, formerly interne at Provident Hospital, is engaged to Miss Myra Jones, the charming daughter of Editor Joseph Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The courtship was started in this city last summer.

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Mrs. Lula Bell Winburn, Misses Myrtle Collins, Leona Daughtry, Fannie Woods and Allie Wolcott received on New Years Day at the residence of Miss Myrtie Collins, 63d and Champlain avenue. Quite a large number of friends of these charming young girls called to pay their New Years respects. Mrs. Winburn was formerly Miss Lula Bell, of this city, but now of Detroit. Her girl friends gave Mrs. Winburn a delightful time while in the Windy City.

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Miss Bettiola Fortson, of 3135 Forest avenue, entertained in honor of Miss Maybelle Spinks, of Wilberforce University, last week. Many of the young people of the South Side were present and danced until the wee hours of the morning.

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The famous Appomattox Club received on New Years Day. On Saturday night of last week handsome photographs of Major R. R. Jackson and Mr. Louie Anderson were presented to the club. Short speeches were delivered and lively whist games followed.

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Local Briefs.

Mrs. Martha Anderson, Chicago's highly trained singer, is in the East filling engagements.

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Dr. Sarah Fitzbutler, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. Mary V. Waring and Mrs. Myra Denison.

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Mr. Opal Cooper entertained his cousins last weew at the residence of Miss India Demming, 36th and Wabash avenue.

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Miss Herbert Weber, of Indianapolis, Ind., and stenographer at The Freeman office, was in the city during the holidays, the guest of her mother and aunt, 3815 State street. Miss Weber reported a most delightful stay and a desire to return again.

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Miss Emma Collins and Mr. Felix Payne, of Kansas City, Mo., are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Moseley, 6248 Sangamon street. Mr. Payne is well known in the baseball world, especially in the West. Mrs. Payne is a charming woman, having a wonderful contralto voice.

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Mr. Richard B. Harrison was in the city during the Christmas holidays visiting his family. He is expected in the city February 2.

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Jack Johnson and wife arrived in the city for the Christmas holidays.

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Mrs. M. Pryor, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Wm. Lewis. Mrs. Pryor reports a delightful stay in the Windy City.

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The annual Railway Men's Ball on New Years night was very largely attended. Boardman's orchestra furnished music for the dance. Mr. Bolling, of the Burlington, and Mr. Wm. Williams are responsible for the success of the ball, which will be made an annual affair.

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Madam A. Azelia Hackley is expected in Chicago some time next June to prepare a monster musical for one night during the sitting of the Republican convention. Mrs. Hackley is now giving recitals in Texas.

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Mrs. Mayme Meridith Smith, of Prairie avenue, entertained a few friends on New Years night.

STILL GROWING

BELOIT, WIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Quilford Smith of Janesville, spent Thursday evening in Beloit, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones. The evening was spent in playing games of whist. They enjoyed a very nice time ......Mrs. Sandy Gupton, 1119 East Grand avenue, wife of H. W. Gupton, employed at the C. & N. W. R. R. station, died this morning at 10 o'clock, after an illness of about a month. Rheumatism, complicated with tuberculosis, was the cause of death. The deceased was twenty years old and is survived by her husband and an infant child. Her mother, Mrs. Caroline Slaughter, two sisters, Mattie Hugo and Miss Aurelia Slaughter, all of Beloit. Funeral announcement will be made later....Mr. James Wagner, of this city, was in Galesburg, Ill., during the holidays visiting old friends....Mr. Henry Devine was visiting his mother, in Indianapolis, Ind., during the holidays....Mrs. Lillian Barnes, of this city, is visiting her mother in Chicago....Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods, of Madison, Wis., were visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barker, of this city, Christmas....Miss Mabel Horton, of this city, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Horton, of Madison, Wis., and expects to stay until after next week when she will return to Beloit, her home and take her place in school again.

COLUMBUS, KY.

The A. M. E. church gave a Christmas tree last Monday night. There was a great deal of Christmas presents given. The managers were Mrs. W. D. Locke, Mrs. E. A. Mangrun and Mrs. L. B. Montgomery. Mr. Charlie Starks and Mr. George Bugg were Santa Claus. Everybody seemed to enjoy themself......The prayer meeting was largely attended Christmas morning ....Miss Clara Canty is on the sick list.. ..Miss Jessie Smith and Master Walter Smith are visiting their sister, Mrs. Ella Mayberry, in Mars, Tenn....Barhan and Master Richard Nevel are visiting their sisters and friends....The A. C. E. S. was very interesting last Sunday evening. The subject was discussed by many of the members....The steamboat Charles Merriar is ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and a good many citizens will go with the boat ....Master Earnest Moore, of New Madrid, Mo., spent Christmas with his aunts, uncles and friends.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT HAS FALLEN BY WAYSIDE

A LIVE BASE BALL TEAM NEXT SEASON

Ministerial Committee on Vices Fails to Make a Report—Many Holiday Receptions Given—Dr. Merchant a Candidate.

By Lee L. Brown.
(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

What is the matter with the Boy Scout movement that we have heard so much of? We hope that it has not been forgotten like so many good movements that have been started. Some time ago Rev. Sutton E. Griggs was in the city. A great meeting was held at one of our local churches, officers were elected, a constitution drawn, etc. We have not heard anything of this movement since. We know of a number of other organizations that have been created, yet they have died for the lack of enthusiasm and leadership. Let us all resolve in the new year that when we create new organizations we will not rest until that organization bears fruit. There are a large number of young men who are anxious to take the lead and who would be pleased to push these affairs to success, but they are hindered on account of the lack of encouragement from those who are recognized as leaders.

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Great preparations are being made for a real live baseball team in this city next season. The Spring Bank Park has been leased and many improvements will be made. The gentlemen who are at the head of this new organization are already booking some of the leading teams throughout the United States. The fans will be glad to welcome here in this city such a club as will bring to the city high-class teams.

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Some time ago one of the ministerial associations passed resolutions condemning certain vices in the city. A committee was appointed to see the Board of Safety, asking their co-operation in regulating these places. We have never heard anything of this committee's report. Why do you tarry so long, brethren, in making your reports? Time is precious and many of our boys and girls are being driven down the path of ruin.

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One of the most unique receptions given during the holiday season was given by Miss Ida Lee last Saturday evening. She served a five-course dinner; at the plate of each guest was a handsome Christmas present. The following persons were present: Messrs. Will Evans, Wm. Steward, Mrs. Evans, Misses Katie Brown, Bell Phelps and several others, whose names we did not get.

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One of the swellest receptions given last week was that of Mr. Cassius Smith, one of our leading young business men in the city, in honor of Miss Smith and Miss Helen Layton, of Lexington, Ky. A large number of friends gathered at the very handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith on West Chestnut street. Supper was served in courses. Music was furnished by one of the leading orchestras in the city.

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Dr. W. T. Merchant, one of the leading physicians of the city, has announced for delegate-at-large to be elected at the Republican state convention as delegate to the Republican national convention, which will meet in Chicago during the month of June.

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Miss Emma Lee Claybrooks, after a very pleasant stay in Montgomery, Ala., has returned to the city.

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Prof. Cook, principal of the Bowling Green public school, passed through the city last week en route from Paris, Ky., where he attended the State Teachers' Association.

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Miss Katie Brown, of West Second street, entertained last Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Katie Morehead Marshall, of Cincinnati, O.

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Citizens of Louisville were sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Burney, who at one time was one of the leading factors of the Louisville National Medical Colleye.

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Miss Silvey, of Frankfort, daughter of Rev. Silvey, and Miss Glodean Cox, one of the public school teachers of Henderson, were pleasant visitors to the city New Years Day.

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The Douglass Debating Club will have a very interesting program this week in the lecture room of the Colored Branch Library.

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Messrs. Bowman and Wilkinson, undertakers at 11th and Chestnut streets, will move at an early date to their new quarters on Chestnut street near 12th.

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Brown's School of Stenography opened January 3 at 1006 West Chestnut. The outlook for a large enrollment is very bright.

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The usual watch meeting services were held at the different churches on Sunday night.

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Mr. Teddy Wright was the guest of Mr. Tom Brownie, of West Chestnut street.

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Misses Spratt Brown, Georgia Moore and Prof. Houser attended the State Teachers' Association last week at Paris. They tried hard to have the association meet in Louisville next year, but failed in their effort. The association will meet in Bowling Green, Ky.

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Mr. W. H. Brown, dean of the Central Law School, entertained the members of the Law Class at his residence New Years Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Willis, of Indianapolis, were in the city last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo B. McAfee. They were also entertained at lunch by Mr. and Mrs. John Bell.

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Miss Sadie Walker, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of West Breckinridge, was in the city during the holidays. Miss Walker is quite an accomplished musician. She is a student of Oberlin College.

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We understand that the orchestra which has played for some time at the Lyre Theater, has gone to Indianapolis, where they will furnish the music for one of the leading colored theaters in that city.

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Mrs. Katie Brown, of West Second street, mother of Miss Katie Brown, was seriously injured last week by falling through a trap door. She is much improved at this writing.

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Mrs. Stephen Bell entertained New Years eve at the Dudley Memorial in honor of her guest, Miss Chappelle.

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Mrs. Mary Peyton and her daughter, Miss Atholene, visited friends in Frankfort last week.

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Prof. Albert E. Meyzeey and wife entertained the Senior Normal class last Thursday evening at their residence on West Chestnut street.

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Misses Mary Hicks and Georgia Lattimore entertained last Saturday evening at the Dudley Memorial in honor of Miss Jennie Porter, of Cincinnati.

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Mrs. Essie Mack has returned from Crab Orchard Springs after a very pleasant visit during the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. Lovelle Dorsey, brother of Mrs. Ida Foster, was in the city as the guest of his sister. He is located in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tull E. Brown and Miss Hattie Renix appeared in song and piano recitals during the holiday week in Henderson, Princeton, Paducah and St. Louis, Mo., to large audiences. Mr. Brown reports a very successful trip.

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The city schools opeend Tuesday merning with a full attendance. A number of visitors are yet in the city.

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Mr. Phil H. Brown, of Hopkinsville, Ky., was in the city this week on special business.

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Miss Nellie Brown, a teacher of Henderson, Ky., passed through the city last week en route from Paris, Ky., where she attended the State Teachers' Association.

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BMrs. Albert Wilhoit was operated on last Tuesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, of 1427 West Chestnut street, entertained last week in honor of Mrs. Julia Kean, of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Lennie Liles, of Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. Baker, the D. D. G. C., paid a visit to West Point, Ky., to install a lodge and a good time. Covers were laid for twenty-five.

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Mrs. Baker gave a social Wednesday night and they had a delightful time. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Renkins and Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield.

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The Louisville Cubs Association will meet Monday night to transact business at the headquarters, 4325 South Ninth street.

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Misses Daniels, of 1512 West Chestnut street, entertained at dinner Thursday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fanning, and Wm. L. Bailey, of Georgetown, Ky. Mr. Bailey is the father of Mrs. W. H. Fanning.

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Mr. Wm. L. Bailey, the well known contractor of Georgetown, Ky., was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Fanning, 1026 West Walnut street.

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Mr. James Harris, who recently made such an excellent mark in the internal revenue examination, was appointed as a storekeeper-gauger near Bardstown, Ky.

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Rev. C. H. Parrish was called this week to Bowling Green to preach the funeral services of the daughter of Rev. Mitchell, pastor of the Bowling Green Baptist church.

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Mr. C. R. Willson, who formerly had charge of the Dispatch Printing Company, was in the city last week sojourning among friends. Mr. Willson is located in Charlestown, W. Va., as clerk in the Cog City Auto Cab and Transfer Company's employ.

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The full dress dance given by Mr. Bridgeford Simms at the U. B. F. Hall last week was one of the leading social events of Christmas week. Quite a large crowd of persons were present. Lunch was served in the dining room.

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The funeral services of Mrs. Robert Taylor were held last Thursday at Fifth-street church. Rev. G. W. Ward conducted the services, Rev. Frank being absent from the city.

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Mr. Arthur Morris is quite a man in business, and has made a success in every way. New Years night, which is Sunday night, open at 12 o'clock; all that are present at 1 o'clock can remain until 3, if they desire. Manager Mr. Arthur Morris; proprietor, Wm. Walker, 1003 West Walnut street.

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Mrs. Joel W. Mackey, of Richmond, who has been very ill at her home on Tate Creek avenue, is slowly improving. All her children have returned to their respective homes and interests, except Mrs. Herman Murphy, of California, who will remain in the State several weeks or until her mother is out of danger.

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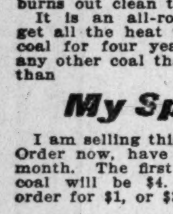

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The Fourth of July, 1826, marked the half century of the birth of the American nation, and naturally was celebrated with a great display of oratory and fireworks. It was about noon of that day—the same day on which Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died—that a patriotic company on the outskirts of old Pittsburg were listening to the national salute from the arsenal cannon and martial airs from the band, when word came that a son had been born to the man who was the chief spirit of the celebration. The child who made his advent under such glorious auspices was destined to become America's most popular song writer, the author of "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Suwanee River," and 150 other ballads that everybody used to sing—Stephen Collins Foster.

His body rests to-day under a plain gravestone of the old-fashioned sort, just like his songs, and many think that a more elaborate memorial would be out of keeping. But others hold that by such a memorial Pittsburg would be honoring herself rather than the poet and composer, and so a movement is on foot to have the obscure grave in the Allegheny cemetery, almost within view of the spot where he was born, marked with a suitably dignified monument. One already exists in Highland Park, but it is not commensurate with Foster's fame and his high rank as a writer of songs. Another suggestion is to have the memorial take the form of a music pavilion in Schenley Park.

How Foster Got the Tunes.

It was Foster who first delved into the rich fount of Negro melody to find the inspiration of truly American music. There is no primitive people that has a greater wealth of haunting themes than the descendants of the African slaves, and the ante-bellum plantation resounded with the tinkle of the banjo and the chant of the cotton pickers. When Stephen was still a child he would frequently be taken to a Negro church and camp meeting by a mulatto girl who was a bound servant in the household, and so he got some of the rhythmic tunes of the darkies early into his blood.

There had been a musical strain in his make-up from the first—his ancestry was Irish and one of his mother's antecedents was Italian. When little Stephen was only two years old he would often pick out harmonies on a guitar lying on the floor, and when he was only seven he was taken into a music store, where he took up a flute, and in a few minutes had mastered its stops sufficiently to play "Hail Columbia."

About that time there were several Negro airs that had become very popular, especially "Jim Crow" and "Zip Coon." A number of the boys in the neighborhood had fitted up an old carriage house as a theater and gave juvenile performances, at which nine-year-old Stephen was the musical star. He was a native musical genius; that fact was admitted by his comrades, who granted him the only "salary" paid out by the company, the others assuming the risks of management. When there was a surplus in the treasury a dividend was declared sufficient to enable the company to see Edwin Forrest or Junius Brutus Booth on their visits to the old Pittsburg Theater.

Wrote First Song at Sixteen.

Native musical genius was not the sole equipment of the futre song writer. He had lessons from Henry Kleber, who had opened probably the first music store in Pittsburg. His brother has recorded that he gave much time to the study of Beethoven, Mozart and Weber. He delighted in improvisation upon the piano. He sang with profound feeling. One of his favorite songs was Tennyson's "May Queen," set to music by Dempster, and as he sang the pathetic words tears would often flow down his cheeks.

It was inevitable that he should try his hand at composition. He was sixteen when his first song was published. It was "Open Thy Lattice, Love." Two or three years later a club of young men used to gather to sing some of the popular Negro melodies of the day under his leadership, and to enlarge their repertoire he suggested that they produce some songs of their own. "The Louisiana Belle" was the first, both words and music, and a week later came "Old Uncle Ned," which made him famous. The following year he was in Cincinnati working as a bookkeeper for his brother, when he wrote "Oh, Susannah," another big hit. He gave these two songs to a friend in the music publishing business, who made $10,000 out of them. Foster had the usual lack of practical business ability which marks geniuses.

The sweetest and most widely sung of all of Foster's songs is "The Old Folks at Home," better known as "Suwanee Ribber." The story of how this song came to be written is told by Foster's brother, and will interest many thousands who sing it and do not even know that there is a real Suwanee river.

How a Song Was Named.

"One day in 1851," Morrison Foster says, "Stephen came into my office and said to me: 'What is a good name of two syllables for a Southern river? I want to use it in this new song of "Old Folks at Home."' I asked him how Yazoo would do. 'Oh,' said he, 'that has been used before.' I then suggested Pedee. 'Oh, pshaw,' he replied, 'I won't have that.' I then took down an atlas from the top of my desk and opened the map of the United States. We both looked over it, and my finger stopped at the Suwanee, a little river in Florida emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. 'That's it, that's it exactly,' exclaimed he, delightedly, as he wrote the name down. He left the office, as was his custom, abruptly, without saying another word." About this time E. P. Christy, the famous Negro minstrel, wrote to Foster for a song, and this one was sold to him for $500. Foster made about $15,000 from this song afterward.

A faithful setter, given to Foster by a friend, furnished the inspiration for "Old Dog Tray." Another popular song, "My Old Kentucky Home," was written under a tree that is still standing at Federal Hill, the homestead, near Bardstown, Ky., where lived John Rowan, United States Senator from Kentucky when Stephen was born, and a cousin on his maternal side.

"Old Black Joe" is another perennial favorite among the nearly 200 songs that Stephen Collins Foster wrote. The figure of Old Black Joe adorns the pedestal of the monument in Highland Park, Pittsburg. It is a symbol of the intimate sympathy the poet and composer had with the life of the lowly black folk whose sorrows and joys he immortalized in his songs.

His Courage and Gentleness.

Foster was one of the simplest and sweetest of souls. One of his teachers told his father that "Stephen was the most perfect gentleman he ever had for a pupil." He was on his way to a party one evening when he heard that a little girl had been run over by a dray and killed, and he went instead to the stricken home and spent the night there comforting her parents. Yet his gentle spirit could develop the courage of a lion upon occasions, as when he came upon two bullies who were abusing a drunken man. Seizing a fence rail, he drove them to flight, after a battle in which he received a scar that he carried with him to his grave.

So sensitive that the ticking of a clock annoyed him until he had stowed it away beneath a tub in the cellar, in order to be able to sleep, he locked the door of his room to every one but his mother when he was at work on a piece of music. He removed to New York once, because that was a better market for his compositions, and in a year he had become so homesick that he sold out his furniture, on a twenty-four hours' notice, and went home to Pittsburg. He reached the white cottage in Lawrenceville, still standing, about midnight, and when his mother came down to see who knocked so late, she found him weeping upon the porch. In spite of his love for his home, he was destined to die in the great metropolis. In January, 1864, while in the American Hotel in New York, he was seized with a fever. Getting up a few days later, he was so weakened that he fell across a washbasin and cut several serious gashes in his head and throat. He died in a hospital a few days later from weakness and loss of blood.

While Stephen Collins Foster had not the prodigious fertility of Schubert, who composed seven other songs on the same day that he composed "Erlkonig," or of Abt, who has over 3,000 songs to his credit, his most popular songs are sung by more people and awaken deeper response than those of any other composer. If we except "Home, Sweet Home," there is no better beloved song than "Suwanee Ribber."

He died when he was only thirty-eight years old, but it may be doubted whether the psalmist's span of life would have made his fame any more secure than it is. He and his songs are beloved, and that is the highest assurance of immortality. Pittsburg, where his daughter still lives, cannot add to his renown by the erection of another monument, but she can show that she appreciates the richness of his genius, which received the meed of praise from sources so diverse as Washington Irving and Ole Bull.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"THE QUEST OF THE SILVER FLEECE"

DuBois' Book Critically Reviewed.

"The Quest of the Silver Fleece" might be called a "Problem Novel," so far as it deals with a grave, not to say the gravest, moral issue of the times; but the story is permeated from page to page with an ardent romanticism. The facts portrayed are real enough and not to be denied, but they are so colored in analysis and description by a poetic imagination, a deep, abiding sense of personal and vicarious suffering, that the book reads as much like poem as novel, and makes classification difficult, which, after all, is not important. That the book is written with a distinct purpose is frankly avowed in a brief prologue and epilogue. These are bits of tense inspirational writing made up of appealing phrase, reaching scriptural fervency of utterance, such as the author's pen has made familiar to us in other writings, like his "Litany," some occasional poems, and "The Souls of Black Folks." Naturally this longer and more sustained effort—the complete novel—must submit to comparison with that earlier work, the little volume of sketches which startled the world's attention about ten years ago and stirred the white conscience as it had not been stirred since anti-slavery days. It is no reflection on the novel to say that it will not bear this test, for no writer reaches his great artistic climax twice. "The Souls of Black Folks" will remain a prized classic in American literature. It did not need the open verdict of a Henry James, graciously bestowed, to give the book its rightful rank. Its merits are wholly its own and equally obvious to the trained critic and the general reader.

"The Silver Fleece" is a felicitous phrase applied to the annual cotton crop. The main theme is found in the reclamation of a piece of waste swamp land into broad and fertile acres covered with the fleecy growth of the great mercantile product of the South. This work is accomplished secretly under the glow and incentive of young love by "Bles" (Blessed) Alwyn, the hero of the tale, and Zora, which is the gypsy-like appellation of the girl who had no known father to supply her with a complete name. Zora was the child of the swamp, who lived in a hut, the abode of misery and vice. Her grandmother, a witch-like creation, possessing all the wicked cunning of the type, was her sole guardian. Incidentally Zora was a bit of choice but despised sporadic fruit on the honored tree of the famous Creswell family. She was the product of that race mixture universally deplored, the blame of which is cruelly misplaced.

The history of Zora proceeds rapidly, and is one of swift, bewildering change from untamed, ignorant and willful girlhood to a super-refined and cultured young womanhood. The writer's romanticism comes fully into play here, yet Bles and Zora are among the best pieces of characterization in the book, [illegible] and masterful, compelling sympathy, but staggering belief at the same time, not because of the impossibilty of either type, but for too imaginative rendering.

The manipulation of the cotton crop by the Northern stock market, the educational outlook for the black folk in the South, portrayed in the lifework of a Yankee schoolma'am dating from the early reconstruction period, plainly designated as Sarah Smith, the young lady-like experiences of another woman from the North of recent times, who fell quickly under the glamour of her new surroundings, married into the leading family of the Creswells, and came to number one more in the ignoble army of non-reconstructed Northerners, the least respected class in the South; the transfer of the scene to the National capital, where we see the Negro in politics, tricking and being tricked, and where we gain some envied glimpse of the colored "smart set:" the various steps in Zora's education, her return to her own people, and the happy culmination of the love story—these are the themes and incidents out of which the writer weaves his story.

The reader is puzzled to know just how to take the picture of upper-class colored society, just how the author himself takes it—"au serieux" or as a piece of playful satire. Not but that such a social group exists and deserves its standing as much as that which any other group of social climbers has achieved, but the extreme self-consciousness in the examples here offered, the superficial glitter of their drawing room accomplishments, their confident sense of superiority, while characteristic of self-styled "best society," wherever found, make one question not the validity, but the worth, of the portrait. The use of names of living people well known in their particular circles is an unlooked-for artistic lapse in a practiced writer.

"The Souls of the Black Folks" attained the desired end in the deep, abiding impression it made on the white consciousness of the age; it deepened the sense of complicity, it pierced self-complacency, it went far to arouse the will to just and contrite action. "The Quest of the Silver Fleece" makes the same sort of appeal, retells the story of race hardship and loss imposed by race pride and love of monopoly. It shows the Negro still "within the veil." But he is slowly emerging. He may indeed be said to have arrived, but his cause is still widely misunderstood and suffers both from popular distrust and popular indifference. His helpers and friends are few. Not for the Negro alone, but for our own honor and integrity, the safety of the Republic, we must reach a different state of mind on this great and vital subject.

Justice and opportunity are large and inclusive terms. They comprise the right to useful, happy living, growing out of the full equipment of human faculty and power in every member of our common family.—The Christian Register.

THE POWER OF THE EDUCATED COLORED MAN.

The Highest Call of Civilization Is the Educated Colored Man.

By Prof. Kelley Miller.

To Educated Colored Men: Greetings.

I am taking advantage of the approaching New Year to address to you a few words of serious greeting. You represent the first generation of your race, now grown to the fullness of the stature of manhood, under the influence and power of education. You are the first ripened fruit of philanthropy, and by you alone will its wisdom or folly be justified. The hope of the race is focused in you. You are to furnish the headlight to direct the path through the dangers and viscissitudes of the wilderness. For want of vision the people perish; for want of wise direction, they stumble and fall.

There is no body in the world today, nor in the history of the world, who have, or ever have had, greater responsibilities or more coveted opportunities than devolve upon you. It is indeed a privilege to be a Negro of light and leading in such a time as this. The incidental embarrassments and disadvantages which, for the time being, must be endured are not to be compared with the far more exceeding weight of privilege and glory which awaits you if you rise to these high demands. For such a privilege well may you forego the pleasures of civilization for a season.

Your world consists of ten million souls, who have wrapped up in them all the needs and necessities, powers and possibilities of human nature; they contain all the worms of civilization, from its roots to its florescence. Yours is the task to develop and vitalize these smothered faculties and potentialities. Your education will prove to be but vanity and vexation of spirit, unless it ultimates in this task. You are the salt of this earth, and if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? If the light within the raceial world be darkness, how great is that darkness?

The highest call of the civilization of the world today is to the educated young men of the belated races. The educated young manhood of Japan, China, India, Egypt and Turkey must lift their own people up to the high level of their own high conception. They must partake of the best things in the civilization of Europe and show them unto their own people. Your task is the same as theirs, intensified, perhaps, by the more difficult and intricate tangle of circumstances and conditions with which you must deal.

You cannot afford to sink into slothful satisfaction and do your little job, draw your little pay, and enjoy your tasteless leisure, and with inane self-deception, hide your little head under the shadow of your wings, like the foolish bird, which thereby hopes to escape the wrath to come.

As you look over the field the whole sweep of racial movement seems to be retrograde. The race has been disfranchised and jim-crowed and segregated. Lynching and burning of Negroes amid horrors of indescribable atrocity, has become a fixed American institution. The Christian conscience is sere, and only Christ in Heaven weeps.

There is no other source of help but God and you. The white race through philanthropy has done much. But its vicarious task was practically completed when it developed you. You must do the rest. Our gratitude can never repay the debt. They spoke for us when our tongues were tied; they pleaded for us when we were speechless. But now our faculties are unloosed; we must stand on our own footing. The greatest gratitude that the beneficiary can show to the benefactor is, as soon as possible, to do without his benefaction. True, we are not yet able to cut loose wholly from the benevolent assistance; we still need some more ear-rings and finger-rings and other furnishings from the Egyptians. But the great outstanding fact remains, the task of race statesmanship and reclamation is not primarily the white man's burden, but yours. Upon you will depend its success or failure.

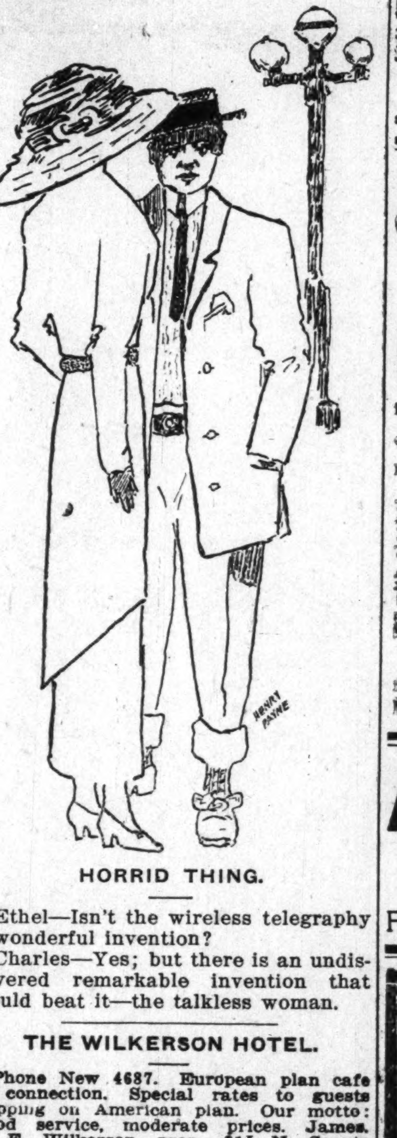
As far as righteous insistence upon inalienable human rights will permit, live at peace and helpful cooperation with all men, North and South, East and West. But never under any inducements of cowardice or prudence or thrift, should you deviate from the straight line of righteousness, which alone points out the way and points the way out.

Moral energy and race loyalty should be brought to bear upon your task whether you be engaged in the production of wealth or in the more condite pursuits, which administer to the higher needs of man.

The white race is fast losing faith in the Negro as an efficient and acceptable factor in the equation of our civilization. privilege and opportunity is but the outward expression of this apostacy. As the white man's faith in you decreases, your faith in yourselves must increase. Every Negro in America should be taught daily, with his face turned toward the light, to utter this prayer: "Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief."

Through courage, expressed in the active as well as in the passive voice, courage to do and courage to endure, you must so assert and exert your manhood, that you will not only believe in yourselves, but the rest of the world will be compelled to believe in you. Then, and not till then, all will be well.

Such is the mark and the high calling to which you are called. May you rise to the level of it.



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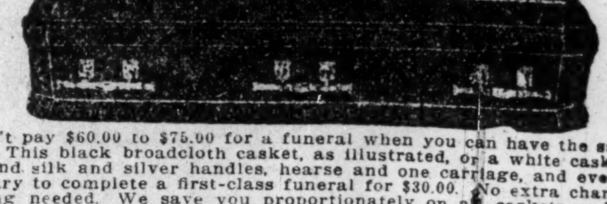

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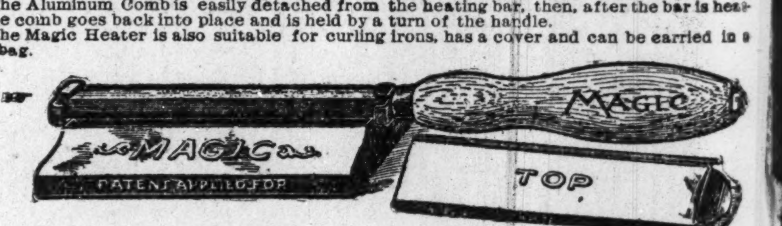

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EDUCATIONAL ETCHINGS.

Compiled by Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson, Washington, D. C.

Miss Bessie Brewington, a colored girl, has been appointed as a teacher in the public schools of Los Angeles, Cal.

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A young Japanese has applied for admission to Fisk University. President George M. Gates, not being sure of the eligibility of the proposed student to attend a Negro school, has taken the matter under advisement pending an examination of the law.

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Through the clever diplomacy of President J. B. Dudley, peace has been restored between the students and the faculty at the Greensboro (N. C.) A. and M. College.

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A current item in a leading educational journal says: "Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has a larger income than Johns Hopkins University and as large as many other prominent schools of the North."

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Not only is the promotion of education among the colored children of the rural districts a burning question, but it is beginning to be more and more a subject of discussion with reference to the white young men and women, especially of the South. Notice has been given that mass meetings to agitate the problem are to be held in all of the large cities of the South.

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The Agricultural Short Course, given by Hampton Institute, began January 3, and runs until February 1. The Negro Farmers' Conference commences January 31 and closes February 1. The attendance promises to be large at these useful sessions. R. R. Clark is in charge oif the agricultural short course, in connection with C. K. Graham, director of the agricultural department of the institute.

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Dr. J. E. Shepard, founder and president of the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C., announces that he has secured the services of the experienced Charles Alexander, Boston's well-known lecturer and writer, as a special agent for his school. Mr. Alexander will travel and lecture in the interest of the great Shepard enterprise at Durham, devoting his entire time to the work. Mr. Alexander is a valuable acquisition to the institution.

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Howard University is working vigorously on its $25,000 gymnasium project, through its alumni association. President Thirkield believes in building the physical as well as the intellectual man.

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Prof. H. T. Kealing, president of the Western University at Quindaro, Kan., is the new member of the Jeanes Fund Board, succeeding the late Bishop Grant. He is also an ordained minister of the gospel and entitled to be called "Rev." Dr. Booker T. Washington announces that Dr. Kealing is now the "orator of the Jeanes Fund Board."

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One of the brightest and most promising young men on the staff of the Hampton Institute is Mr. W. H. Harrison, a clever news writer, a faithful executive officer and an expert stenograhper. Mr. Harrison is a tireless worker and will be heard of in the literary world.

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President W. S. Scarborough is bringing Wilberforce University to the front. New features are being constantly added to the curriculum, and new buildings in prospect. The girls' dormitory, toward which Andrew Carnegie gave $17,500, provided a like sum is raised by the school, is now assured. President Scarborough, speaking as an observer of the trend of things, rather than as a politician, says "Ohio is for Taft against Harmon or anyone else who may be nominated by the Democracy."

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Noah D. Thompson, who has been doing some constructive work at Tuskegee Institute for the past two years as assistant to Secretary Scott and Treasurer Logan, has been compelled to suspend his labors there on account of ill health. Accompanied by his newly-wedded wife, (nee Miss Eloise A. Bibb), Mr. Thompson has gone to California for the winter. For many years Mr. Thompson was connected in a responsible capacity with the Chicago office of the United States Express Company.

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The Ministerial Conference at the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C., bids fair to be one of the "big events" of 1912. It will open July 6, and already Dr. J. E. Shepard has received responses from enough of the leading clergy of the country to guarantee the success of the meeting. The visitors are to be the guests of the school for the week, absolutely without cost of any kind.

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Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, president and founder of the Industrial Collegiate Institute at Booker, N. C., three miles from Newbern, has had plans drawn for three new buildings, to cost $15,000 each. They will be used for class rooms and dormitories, and will add materially to the efficiency of the school, which is now cramped for want of space. The plans were drawn by a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Weeks is now engaged in an active canvass for the funds necessary to erect the buildings, and is meeting with gratifying success. The plant at Booker comprises 1,000 acres of good land, much of it wooded, and is now valued at $50,000.

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As a result of the agitation for a closer and more sympathetic relation between the parents, teachers and students in all classes of schools, "Home and School Associations," to emphasize this spirit are cropping up in every city in the land, and much good is growing out of them.

RACE GLEANINGS.

The Public Ledger is making an effective appeal to the citizens of Philadelphia for the support of the Frederick Douglass hospital of that city. It appears that that excellent institution is in a bad way financially. The white citizens have responded through the influence of the Ledger, which is a publication by white people. The colored people have also responded, and from all indications the hospital will continue its useful career.

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Dolliver Baxter, a Negro, aged 113 years, died at Elkins, Va., December 29.

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The colored members on the board of the Jeanes Fund are Dr. Booker T. Washington, Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury; Maj. R. R. Moton, of Hampton Institute; Hon. R. L. Smith, of Waco, Tex., and Prof. H. T. Kealing.

Prof. H. T. Kealing, of Quindaro University, succeeded the late Bishop Abraham Grant.

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Negro Republicans of New Jersey recently met at Trenton and indorsed Mr. Taft for President.

At a reception recently tendered Bishop Walters at Washington, D. C., a loving cup was presented him for his services to his race and country.

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John Mitchell, Jr., president of the Mechanics' Savings Bank, of Richmond, Va., was the only colored man to attend the American Bankers' Association as a delegate at the New Orleans meeting.

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The court at Muskegee, Okla., is making inquiry concerning the death of two Negro children who owned oil lands worth $250,000. One white man has been convicted so far.

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Concerning the colored regiment of New York a complete muster of the Provisional Regiment is being prepared by Col. Fillmore and his staff this week and was to be forwarded to Governor Dix on Christmas Day, with a petition that the regiment be accepted as a part of the National Guard of New York. It is within the power of the governor to add to the National Guard of the State at any time, according to Col. Fillmore. In case the regiment as presented to the Governor is not accepted, a bill in course of preparation will be introduced simultaneously in the Senate and Assembly providing for the regiment.

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The white population in Indiana increased 7.3 per cent. between 1900 and 1910, while the Negro population increased 4.08 per cent. There are at present (or were in 1910) 2,640,033 whites in Indiana, as compared with 2,458,502 in 1900. Of the white people in the State, 350,747 are of foreign parentage and 2,130,168 of native parentage. The foreign white people in the State number 159,118, as against 141,861 in 1900. During the ten-year period the white population increased 181,531. The total Negro population of the State in 1910 was 60,280, as against 57,505 in 1900. This was an increase of 2,775 in ten years. The census bureau found in the State 563 persons who could not be listed as whites or Negroes, as against 455 of this class in 1900. One interesting fact brought out by the statistics is that in 1910 there were 13,700 fewer persons who were born of foreign parents than in 1909. This indicates that Indiana is not catching much of the tide of foreign immigration.

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Among those present at the dinner recently given Dr. Booker T. Washington in Washington, D. C., were:

Hon. John C. Napier, Major R. R. Moton of Hampton; Robert L. Smith, of Texas; Prof. H. T. Kealing, of Kansas; Prof. E. C. Williams, Dr. M. O. Dumas, Dr. J. R Wilder, Dr. W. A. Warfield, Hon. James W. Johnson, of New York; Hon. Chas. W. Anderson, of New York; Wilford Smith, of New York; Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, Robert J. Harlan, W. Calvin Chase, Dr. Samuel G. Elbert, of Wilmington, Del. Dr. John R. Francis, Prof. Kelly Miller, Prof. R. C. Bruce, Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, Wyatt Archer, Dr. A. S. Gray, Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Hon. Cyrus Field Adams, Lieut. T. R. Clark, Dr. Geo. W. Cabaniss, Prof. George W. Cook, Dr. W. C. McNeill, Hon. John C. Dancy, Dr. E. D. Williston, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Hon. Whitefield McKinlay, Prof L. B. Moore, Ocea Taylor, George Harris, of New York; Hon. James A. Cobb, Capt. Walter Cohen, of New Orleans; Judge Robert H. Terrell, Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, Prof. W. Bruce Evans, H. C. Tyson, Hon. William H. Lewis, Prof. W. J. Hale, of Tennessee; Fred R. Moore, of New York; Prof. A. T. Glenn and Prof. Ernest Just.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

The social season was ushered in by many beautiful parties and dances during the Christmas holidays. One of the prettiest and most largely attended was given by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Crockett, of 424 Jones street, in honor of Miss Mary Perry, a charming social favorite from Columbus, O. There were many out-of-town guests and the evening was most enjoyably spent, the guests being Miss Marry Perry, Columbus, O.; Miss Lillian Welsh, Boonesville, Va.; Miss Nella Welsh, Cincinnati, O.; Miss Minnie Sargunt, Miss Rosa Sargunt, Grahm, W. Va.; Mr. Chas. McEwan, Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Rufus Wilson, Keystone, Va.; Mr. Ulysses H. Pool, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Frank T. Bumann, Lexingto,n Ky.; Mr. Henry Clayton, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. James Townsend, New York; Miss Blanche Howard, Miss Argatha Rottan, Miss Eulia Adams, Miss Ethel Welsh, Miss Annie Rottan, Miss Blanche Adams, Miss Clara Sunkaford, Dr. Abel M. Perry, Messrs. JP. Ed. Campbell, Claude Kingslow, Joseph Whiteside, Samuel Thompson, Thomas Anthony, Roy Smith, Fred Johnson.....The Imperial Hotel has changed management. Mr. David Williams has now full charge of this beautiful hostelry, it being one of the finest Negro establishments of its kind in America....Dr. W. H. Cobbs, of Cobb's pharmacy, is wearing a broad smile these days, business is fine and Dr. Wm. Mayo is delivering the goods ....Dr. A. M. Curtis, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Ewards, of this city, performed several operations during the week....Dr. Block, the untiring and eloquent pastor of Scott's Street Baptist church, delivered a very able address for the Y. M. C. A. at the Raleigh Street A. M. E. church. The occasion was the launching of a campaign to raise $1,000.

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Guests of the Hotel Dale, who spent the holidays and enjoyed the Christmas tree there are: Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chas. E. King and wife, Chester, Pa.; Dr. Lucy E. Moten, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. Simmons, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Mr. S. H. Bythewood, architect, Downingtown, Pa.; Mr. James Gordon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. A. Y. Allen and wife, Trenton, N. J.

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President Taft wants it understood that he will be in the running if alive.

Governor Marshall is true to the Hoosier inclination. His recent literary effusion to wit. He said some very bright things.

Liberia, Africa, begins most auspiciously the year 1912; it has a new president; it has a powerful protectorate. It's the time to do things.

It is said that the activity of the robbers in this city caused the shaking up of the police force. Now say the robbers are good for nothing.

Jack Johnson seems rather fixed in his price for fighting. $30,000 is a whole lot of money. Of course, if he can get it—go right on. But at that don't forget that it is a whole lot of money.

Governor Woodrow Wilson maintains his spdendid lead for president on the Democratic ticket. Nothing assures him so much of his advantage as the combined effort to beat him. Perhaps he is too much of a Republican, just as was said of Grover Cleveland.

W. W. Franklin, a colored mail carrier at Paris, Texas, started upon his route Wednesday. He went to several white people who refused to take their mail from him, and returned to the office with his mail pouch half filled with mail and resigned. The only eligible on the list is another Negro who started on the some route Thursday.—The Dallas (Texas) Express.
And what happened to him?

The Walker theatre management can afford to congratulate itself on its splendid opening crowd. The theatre is a credit. It is a beautiful assembly room, looking more like that than a theatre of the well known types. The enterprise means very much from the standpoint of industry. It should be encouraged. The management will also have its part to perform.

Col. Wm. R. Holloway who died last Monday was one of the active citizens of a generation or so ago. He is essential of the old war school; his life and activities were associated with those of the period. Governor Morton was his friend. Mr. Holloway was an advisor to the Governor, his right hand man and confidant.
He was a staunch Republican, fighting hard in the campaigns, demanding attention by his excellent service and finally rewards.

The death of Alfred Tennyson Dickens son of the celebrated novelist, caused saddened feelings in this city in view of his recent visit here. The citizens showed the greatest appreciation for the father through his son. His death is much regretted, knowing the pleasant hours he spent here talking to teachers and others of his distinguished father. Mr. Dickens died in New York January 2. He was named after Alfred Tennyson the well known laureate poet of England.

The United States will watch carefully the career of Daniel Howard, President of Liberia. It will not be resented, this vigilance. The Liberians expect it, feeling to be at least a foster child of the nation, and entitled to some consideration. In our opinion the little republic will now come up. There is no reason it should not come up. The climate has proven agreeable, the soil fertile. The mountains are filled with ore; the forests are filled with timber; the jungles are filled with game. What's holding Liberia back?

The Independent, of Atlanta, Ga., commenting on the numerous burning of negro lodge halls in that section says that while it has no means of knowing who does the devilment, it thinks it due to quarrels arising in the lodge rooms and which are not settled but carried out in feuds, ending in the disasters spoken of. It is a fearful accusation and awfully damaging if untrue. If true, it is still more fearful, meaning the beginning of a race war of reprisal and destruction within the race. We hope that good common sense will prevail,, and thus nip in the bud a prospective war of the kind.

We must do things; must eternally be doing things that count if we expect to win in appreciation. The Japanese are a splendid example of a people of the kind, who have won by doing things. They do not advertise much about what they are going to do. It rather seems to be the policy to keep it dark until it is done. The Negroes are great at mapping out things, spreading it on, and of course, the consequence is, poor performance. Say nothing—saw wood is the admonition of the wisdom of the ages. Let your light shine. This light is one's good works and not his glib tongue. Lord help us to get right!

Captain Charles Young, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, has been ordered to report to Washington for assignment for special duty in Liberia. This move means an active participation in the affairs of the Negro republic by the United States, and as it should be. That country has felt to be our offspring, it has come to us time and time again with outstretched arms asking protection. We have repeatedly refused until within the past year or so, when its burdens became unbearable. We take it that Captain Young will not only help to guard our country's interest in Liberit, but that he will reorganize the army, making it an engine of formidability, rather than the sickly laughing stock it is reported to be. The natives must be awed into respectability and obedience. The halter of authority must be laid on; it will not be done by men armed with clubs and stones. Neighboring countries should also feel that Liberia has rights that they are bound to respect, even if it requires the last argument of kings—the deep throated ordnance of war.

J. Thomas Newsome, general counsel of the True Reformers organization for existence has thrown it greatly in the lime light. To be the chief counsel at such at time meant woes for Mr. Newsome. He says: "If I were seen on the streets in conversation with an indicted official the rumor at once went the rounds that I had cold out. If I owned a man in Richmond one dollar which I sometimes had to borrow because my business had almost gone to wreck at home by reason of my attention to the work of the True Reformers, it immediately became the subject of public gossip. If I stopped at a hotel and mingled with the prominent men whom I might meet there, I was chidded and admonished to be a little more circumspect. When a receivership was applied for to take charge of the affairs of the organization, it was published far and wide that the action was instigated by me, ,because one of the lawyers in the case was at one time my partner."
Mr. Newsome should have concluded that he was getting to be somebody and stuck to his job. They don't run around hounding nobody—never did, and never will.

A NEW BOOK.

My Larger Education. By Booker T. Washington. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, New York. $1.50.

Dr. Booker T. Washington's new book, "My Larger Education," continues the autobiographical narrative of his "Up from Slavery." His education has been intensely realistic, in "learning from men and things." Half of these "chapters from my experiences" relate what he has learned from some exceptional white men, from experience with reporters and newspapers, from ex-President Roosevelt, from black men of many sorts, including "the intellectuals" and their "Boston mob," from his educational campaigns through the South, from meeting high and low in Europe, from observing education in Denmark. His great problem has been how to reconcile and unite the antagonistic forces of public opinion, racial and sectional, so as to inspire, uplift and regenerate the Negro masses. Believing in education as the solvent influence, he set to work in "building a school around the problem." How he has succeeded in educating public opinion to agree with him, gaining larger education for himself in the process, forms this story of his experiences. No American of our time has so long and steadily, amid all cross-currents, pursued an undeviating aim at an ideal of national importance, or has become more widely influential than he. As seen through his testimony our dreaded race problem is a retreating cloud. Even in Mississippi, supposedly inhospitable to Negro interests, there are regions where the races seem to be getting on "as well as, if not better than, in any other portion of the Union." Yet only an inspiring beginning has been made. Wherever Dr. Washington's line has been followed he finds hostility transformed into co-operation. But he tells us that "so far as concerns the masses of the Negro people, education has never yet been really tried"—tried in his realistic, virile way of teaching how to work out one's own salvation. There are too many sham colleges for Negroes, whose pretentious futility tends to excuse what remains of Southern hostility to Negro education. On the other hand, we are warned to regard newspaper reports and political speeches as "a very poor indication of the actual relations of the races." Aside from its report of the advancing solution of a national problem, this remarkable book, replete with telling facts, possesses a distinct pedagogical value for all professional teachers.

DR. STANSFIELD AT Y. M. C. A.

The audience that greeted Rev. Dr. Stansfield last Sunday afternoon, at the Colored Y. M. C. A. meeting was large, enthusiastic and appreciative. It is not often the privilege of speakers to address more attentive audiences. The reverend gentleman, who, by the way, is one of the leading white preachers of Indianapolis, was very much impressed with the fine body of men before him. He spoke of them as being different, changed since the last time he had met them, speaking of this as growth, and as it should be—evidence of Christian life and truth having play in their lives. "You are promising looking men, bright men, a grand body of men, and who do right in holding the Y. M. C. A. an opportunity," he said.
Dr. Stansfield spoke on "Emancipation," dealing with the Abraham Lincoln incident in American affairs. He would have the emancipation spirit manifested in the individual life and the Christian life, making man what he was foreordained to be.
The speaker paid a fine tribute of praise to the Negro race for its accomplishments, its achievements since the utterance of the immortal document. He laid stress on the fact that while the thing was a political exigency, a political necessity, yet it had become a social, moral and religious uplift for all the world. Referring again to the wonderful progress made by the Negroes, he said that in England, his native country, progress was not made even by the half centuries; ages had been required for the making of great and noticeable changes among that people. Said he: "Never in the history of the English people has such progress been made." He had it that John Fiske said that the most remarkable thing about man was his improvability. It takes him a long time to develop. The cat, dog, horse, have all passed on, and man is yet in the making. He is the oak, not the cabbage, and, like the oak, when found in after years, will be doing duty as if of immortal endurance.
The speaker said that it has taken a half century for many to understand that a man was liberated. "The divinest bit in all of the world is man"—a thing to grow, to speak, to think, to achieve. He deplored the accident of race standards. "I am not responsible because I am a white man," he said, insisting that the Negroes also were not responsible for the accident of birth. He would have nothing to do with that unjust measurement of individuals on which discrimination is based, and thinks very poorly of those who are prejudiced on account of the unjust measurement.
Notwithstanding the fifty years of emancipation, he gave the Y. M. C. A. men to understand that it was not all sufficient. The proclamation gave all a fair, square chance in the race of life, but beyond this is the Christian race when the individual is at one with the man's best ppurpose and the God purpose of the individual's existence on earth.
"Abraham Lincoln," said Dr. Stansfield, "without hesitation, or reservation was the greatest man of the Christian centuries." He said that nature had endowed him with the right proportion of those things that go to make up a great character. He could not trace the descent; he did not know that his forbears had those essentials that cropped out into his making; no one knew. They knew only what they saw—the sublimest mortal of all times. The doctor dwelt on the greatness of his one act aside from his virtues as a man and citizen. The civilized world is indebted to Mr. Lincoln. The political document proved a moral, religious and civil force, and men ever since have been swearing by it and coming up. He spoke of the Declaration of Independence wherein freedom was half proclaimed. This was eighty-five years ago, in '76 of the previous century having the fulfillment in 1862. The speaker made the point that Lincoln was true to the best of himself. He went South, on seeing what negroes endured. He said that if the opportunity came he would strike that thing hard; and it did come. He struck it hard.
Referring again to the individual Emancipation, the speaker said that the work of Lincoln was not complete. The work is now. The negro race is on its own initiative. Every life and home must know the meaning of "the truth shall make you free." An emancipated individual—a straight, clean, honest, upright indicidual. Place him anywhere, he will still be a man—he is emancipated!"
"The great emancipator linked his life with great causes, human causes," the speaker said: "Link your life with some other life, bring to another and among others. When you do this you grow stronger, larger, tending more surely to the immortal."

THE WALKER THEATER.

A Brilliant Opening January 1—House Sold Out In a Jiffy—People Turned Away.

The splendid new Walker Theater opened to the Indianapolis public last Monday evening, January 1. The auditorium is rather oddly constructed, but which really adds to its beauty, in that it is odd, unique. The numerous departments of the best known theaters of to-day are absent. The Walker Theater tends more toward simplicity. This simplicity seems to have been featured, giving the vast interior a temple-like appearance, with its ornaments here and there, making for a kind of magnificence that is very pleasing. Everything is bright, new and shining, proving the effort at comfort and some elegance.
Long before the word was given, the beautiful lobby was jammed with a mass of people, who wanted to see what the new playhouse had in store for them. Finally the struggle for entrance was on, when the people acted as if Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries were on the inside. It is needless to say that in the confusion the unrehearsed ushers could not properly care for their end of the business. For once the reporters did not have to help out the attendance figures. There were as many present as one thought were present. What would be lacking was made up in the seeming. Conservative estimation, however, has it that not less than 2,000 were present.
The management had every reason to feel gratified at the outpouring of the people, who showed that they are willing to do their part. Earl Walker, manager, is proud of his success, which doubtless will continue if he continues in putting shows of drawing quality before the people.
The stage is well curtained. The big asbestos ascended, descended, and ascended again, as if conscious of nodding a welcome. The stage is not large, but well appointed—nothing appearing cheap or tawdry.
The orchestra got busy, and the dream of the months was realized. The audience, yet surging like unswarmed bees, gathered some enthusiasm and expressed it. Everything was really theatrical, like making one feel as if he was somewhere.
The bill presented is good as a whole—however, better in spots. Whatever the critics may think of it, no part of it was without admirers. The singing of Mrs. Lucretia Knox is the most notable number. She improves all the time. She is fairly an Indianapolis production, consequently was received with great enthusiasm. Her pure soprano of the molten notes won her more friends.
Kid Love was the first entertainer. He does some talking and singing, which was well received. His piano playing is good.
The Happy Comedy Four got off some good stunts, being good generally. They get lots of laughs.
Williams and Stevenson do nice business, full of fun. Williams wins as a comedian, getting laughs whenever he chooses. Stevenson got 'em. Everybody thought he was a woman until he doffed his wig. 'Twas cruel to do it.
Leona Marshall is a well-known stage favorite. She is, as she sings, a "Beautiful Doll," who makes happy hits by singing to individuals in the audience. She is graceful in her movements, charming in her manners, and in all ways contributing to her success. Some would like to have had the doll for a Christmas present.
The Pewee-Tolliver Company does some novelty turns which are only seen in the big time. Their performances are creditable. The roller skate dancing is very good. The lady member is a winner with that voice. Her high notes are appealingly beautiful.
The bill for next week is a hummer; it should get the people.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Patrons Praise The Freeman—Entertainments Galore—The Race Getting Better.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.
Mrs. Fnaacis Hickman and son, of Anna, Texas, and Mrs. Angia Hendricks, of Sherman, spent the New Year here with their father, Mr. William Poole and family, 107 Dixon street. It was a reunion to each, as they had seen each other for several years....The Pastime Gun Club held their outing and had some fine sport during the holidays....Mrs. A. E. Overton held open doors at her residence last Thursday afternoon to several out-of-town visitors and friends who were here enjoying the holidays....Miss Julia Heflin entertained a party of visitors at the home of her mother on Cochran street, Thursday afternoon. A delightful time was had....Start the New Year right by giving what aid you can to help the cause and Negro enterprises and business. These columns are for the whole public, notwithstanding it has been said by some of the smart young people in the city that they are not to become the fashion plate for the working class of people here, because they have been teaching school for a while in the city schools. It is deplored that a teacher should make known in a public place such remarks, when it is well known that all classes of the race help to make our teachers, one and all, the very best suited to assist in training the young minds under them at all times....Oriental Company, No. 15, Uniform Rank, have started to increase their membership. They held a smoker at their armory and had a most enjoyable time, and promises were made by several that they were going to to become members....Mrs. Richard Bills spent the holidays in Paris with relatives ....The holidays were very quietly passed and it is daily being said by many that all classes of the race are advancing along the educational lines towards the goal of respectability on these holiday celebratiins ......Miss Lucile Banks is home after spendin several minths in Chattanooga, Tenn., visiting her father....The big K. of P. brass band is the talk of Pythians here and the citizens are coming in for a big share toward praise for the boys and they are all practicing hard to surprise the public at an early date....Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Simmons entertained at their residence, corner of Flora and Allen streets, and a most enjoyable evening was spent....Mr. A. G. Andrews entertained a party of invited guests at their residence Monday night....Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mayes entertained quite a number of their friends during the holidays in honor of Mrs. Frank Mayes, of Muskogee, Okla., who is here visiting her children. Thanks for choice expressions of the Christmas edition by our Dallas patrons. We will strive but the harder in the future to please one and all and see that the best service is yours. See me at once for paid locals and matters of interest to the public. While it is news all the time. We know that every knock is a boost, for The Freeman here and there, therefore invite all knockers to use these columns when they want to do some sure knocking; that the public will know about....Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin and daughter spent several days here with relatives and friends from Kaufman county.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
We people in a high way celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation January 1, 1912, with an elaborate program. Addresses by Mr. J. M. Bynes and Prof. J. H. Mastin were the masterpieces for the occasion, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., S. S. Booker, general secretary, and they had the same at Orchard Knob A. M. E. Zion church under the auspices of the Business Mens League, and the program was very interesting....All the city was aglow with the Christmas present and the Sunday schools had Christmas trees, exercises, cantatas and many were the gifts for this Christmastide, and the Christmas season was made very attractive, interesting and entertaining to all of the people, as Santa Claus filled his mission to the satisfaction of no few and the little folks say that they have a welcome for him still....The St. James Baptist church had a church rally and raising $150.00 was quite a Christmas gift.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Mrs. Thomas Lonesome, Remous Duff, Parris Hall and Mrs. Gains Williams are improving....Mrs. Frank Curtis visited Lisbon instead of Salem as mentioned in the last issue....Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack McClullen during the holidays in Pittsburg....Rev. and Mrs. Taylor held open house from 3 to 6 p. m., New Years day....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis gave a New Years dinner on Monday, January 1, 1912. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders, Miss Bessie Lewis, Miss Sadie Boggess, Mr. Ralph Curtis, Miss Lucy Howard, Miss Bettie Lewis, Miss Bertha Smith, Mr. Charles Lewis, Mr. Walter Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. The evening was spent in game and music....Mrs. Robert Masckey is able to be about the house....All the churches held watch meetings Sunday evening.... William Nelson is able to be out again.

STARKVILLE, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Mrs. Sarah Wynn spent Christmas at the home of Lucindia Perry on Yeates street....Mrs. Willia E. Daily returned home after spending two weeks with her sister in Memphis, Tenn....Mr. Hunter made a flying trip to Kasicask, Miss., on last week where he was called to attend the funeral of his aunt....Miss Henrietta Mills, of Greenwood, Miss., who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lonzie Jones during the holidays, returned to her home last week....Mrs. Mary Stople, of Greenwood, Miss., is the guest of Mrs. Dora Glenn on Gillespie street....Mr. Oscar Bell, of Little Rock, Ark., is spending Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spence Bell.
Mr. and Mrs. Spence Bell....Mrs. Oria Stewart, who now lives in Little Rock, Ark., is spending the holidays with her parents on Vine street......Mr. Ezell Lacket is on our sick list this week.... Our city school opens up January 1st, with a large enrollment of students.... Hopkins hall is open at all times for fun and amusement, located on Hancock street....The Freeman can be had every Saturday evening at Watson Grocery Co., 5 cents per copy. N. F. Daily, agent.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

"A SLAVES REVENGE," AT THE PEKIN.

Motts' Pekin Theater opened its doors at midnight December 31, when the first performance of Mrs. George W. Lacey's farce-comedy, "A Slave's Revenge," ushered in the new year. Mrs. Lacey has given us an old-fashioned story of slave-time life, at times unique and quite well saturated with humor characteristic of racial life, just a simple, crude domestic story, void of aim or real construction, and scenes closing without one climax.
Some of the characters are white, two in particular, Mrs. Lacey and George Hutchinson, whose work was not bad. Mrs. Lacey is not a great actress, but has stability of emotion for certain characters.
Edward McCoo now dawns upon us in a new light. He is not only a good, conscientious actor, but has intelligence, magnetism and a commanding personality to help him through.
Fanny Hall Clint was excellent as the slave heroine, and her scenes with Mr. McCoo were the best things in the play.
One comedy part was well played by a man whose name was Douglass on the program.
Mrs. Payton and Mr. George Gannaway gave a pleasing scene and Albert Graham played two characters satisfactorily.
George Madden as Cato was very clever and Mrs. Hutchinson sang "Suanee River" effectively.
Others in the cast were H. H. Bruce, Mary, Ida and May Richardson and Wilson Johnson.
Mrs. Lacey as a playwright is spasmodically promissory.

Shelton Brook's at the New Grand.

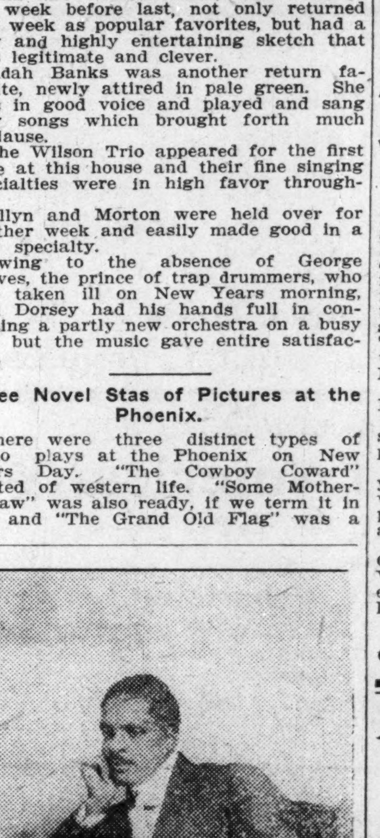
Shelton Brooks again headed the bill at the Grand with his funny stories. His song, "Impossible, was great.
Whyte, Palzer and Whyte, travesty opera singers, were real artists. The orchestra played their music well except the piano lead in "Heart Bowed Down"—crossed the time.
Blanche Holt was exceedingly clever in "The Star Boarder."
Dave Woods' animal actors were an adroit feature.
The Dettmar Troupe opened the bill.
Last week's bill was strong. Joe Deming in "The Traveling Man," was one of the fuuniest things of the season. He is assisted by Clarice Murry, William McAvoy and Charley Van, a bright mulatto boy, whose comedy work and dancing were most excellent.
Virginia Le Grande and company in "In the Heart of the Mountain" was the finest scenic playlet ever seen in this house. The vapor and cloud fall was beautiful. The transformation scene, Romeo-like, but a little shy on clothes, was a pleasing feature, which helped to make up for the weakness of the dialogue. The witch's love for a newspaper man was interesting and I jotted this passage down in shorthand, "And may the God of chance that watches over all newspaper men be with me."

Tim Moore and Wife at the Monogram.

The New Years crowds were very satisfactory at this cosy little house.
Tim and Hester Moore, who made a hit week before last, not only returned this week as popular favorites, but had a new and highly entertaining sketch that was legitimate and clever.
Adah Banks was another return favorite, newly attired in pale green. She was in good voice and played and sang new songs which brought forth much applause.
The Wilson Trio appeared for the first time at this house and their fine singing specialties were in high favor throughout.
Allyn and Morton were held over for another week and easily made good in a new specialty.
Owing to the absence of George Reeves, the prince of trap drummers, who was taken ill on New Years morning, Will Dorsey had his hands full in controlling a partly new orchestra on a busy day, but the music gave entire satisfaction.

Three Novel Stas of Pictures at the Phoenix.

There were three distinct types of photo plays at the Phoenix on New Years Day. "The Cowboy Coward" treated of western life. "Some Mother-in-Law" was also ready, if we term it in fun, and "The Grand Old Flag" was a military play. Mrs. Patton sang "Good Old U. S. A."



OLIVER PERRY.
Leader and Violinist.
Motts Pekin Theatre.

Oliver Perry, who has been leader of the orchestra at Motts' Pekin Theater on and off for over seven years, is a good reader of music on the violin. He had formerly toured the country with Meharra's Minstrels and also with Walter L. Mains' Circus. Personally he enjoys a pleasing disposition and has a large number of friends in the Windy City.

Thomas and Ward were at the Apollo last week.

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Billy McCarver has engaged Leon Diggs, the tenor, for a straight man. The team will be known as McCarver and Diggs. Mrs. McCarver, it is understood, will take a much-needed rest.

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Lizzie Wallace, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, has quite recovered. Rumor has it that Miss Wallace and Kinky Doo will be seen in a new sketch at an early date.

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Fiddler and Shelton have taken a two weeks' vacation during the holidays. Harry Fiddler remained in Chicago with his wife and Ruby Shelton ran over to Indianapolis to visit his folks.

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Sam H. M. Davis, of Davis and Walker, had a mishap and broke his toe at Erie, Pa., two weeks ago and had to return to his home in Chicago. His many friends will no doubt be delighted to note that he is all right again and ready for work. The team has left for Omaha, Neb., where they will open—booked over the Gus Sun time.

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Miss Mabel Gant was a feature on the bill at Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., Christmas week, but working with a male partner as a business proposition. Miss Gant, who was pictured in our Christmas issue, is a dashing coubrette, who is very clever. Pinkie and Walker were on the same bill.

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The Prince House, under the management of J. Morgan Prince, the actor, is now open and he is prepared to offer first-class accommodations for actors by the day, week or month.

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Arthur Maxwell, the bicyclist, and R. J. Marine have opened a pool room at 2351 South State street. Mr. Maxwell is filling engagements in the city and will continue to appear in vaudeville as usual.

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The funeral of the late Eugene King, of King and Bailey, took place on December 4 at Copenhagen, Denmark. The body was kept nine days pending a decision as to whether an English society, to which Gene belonged, should bury the body there or send it to America, a zinc coffin having been made to ship the body. According to a long letter received by Mrs. Fred Carey, sent by Mrs. Mamie King, states that her husband died after a second hemorrhage. He had prayed hard to get well, but realizing the end after much suffering, he prayed to die. The coffin was laden with flowers. The body, which was laid out by Leo Bailey, looked sweet and natural. Mrs. King, who is heartbroken, on a recent visit strewed cedar and flowers on Eugene's grave and Leo Bailey is said to be mournfully dejected. Prominent among their appearances in London was at the Hippodrome, April 10, 1911. Semour Hicks headed the bill and King and Bailey were special features, Gene King having written Richard Jackson and I of their success at that time.

ARGUMENTS IN THE MOTTS' ESTATE CLOSED.

Rosa Motts Broady Dunkin Dies in the Meantime.

The final argument following the hearings in the Motts estate litigation practically closed on Saturday, December 30. Judge Chas. S. Cutting again presided and his rulings were all of an explanatory nature, highly satisfactory. Mr. Wilson's argument was well enough versed, but scarcely revealed anything. Mr. Bastrop, of Bastrop & O'Neill, dwelt upon the uncertainty of Mrs. Jackson's age, which Judge Cutting at a recent hearing had said was not so important; but Bastrop drew a narrative specifically to show that Mrs. Jackson was not competent. J. Gray Lucas, after riddling Dan Jackson with bullets, proceeded to read documents naming Mrs. Jackson as the daughter of Thomas C. Motts' first wife. He also gave evidence by reading of law in the legitimacy of the marriage of a free man to a slave, which proved to be one of the strongest points in the Jackson faction contention. There has thus far been enough evidence to prove that Mrs. Jackson is an absolute heir. On next Saturday brief suggestions and exhibits will be given preliminary to Judge Cutting's decision in the heirship contest at some future date. The management of the Pekin Theater will remain the same until after the decision. The suit of Fred Motts against Miss Lindsay is next to come up wherein she must give account of property deeded to her by her half-brother, Robert T. Motts as mistress of his late residence.
Rosa Motts Broady Durkin, posthumous child of Kate Motts, and fourth heir in contest for her mother's share in the Motts estate, died suddenly of a cancer at a hospital December 12, and was buried at the home of her husband at Springfield, Ohio.

ADDED LAURELS FOR SHERMAN DUDLEY.

Well Pleased With Smart Set at St. Louis, Mo.

At St. Louis, Mo., during the week of December 26, S. H. Dudley and the Smart eSt Company in "Dr. eBans From Boston," scored a tremendous hit. Not only were the newspapers enthusiastic in their praise of the great players, but individuals of much prominence praised them to the highest. The following is a letter from Chief Floyd Ross, of the True Reformers, which is a sample of the terms in which many of Mr. S. H. Dudley's admirers spoke of him there:
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26, 1911.
Hon. S. H. Dudley, Cart Set Co.:
Worthy Brother—Please allow me to say that your show is fine and the people are well pleased with it.
And we wish you much success in your field of labor with your work. The world today wants men for the highest position who can successfully conduct affairs.
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With best wishes,
Floyd Ross,
(Chief) Vice President True Reformers.

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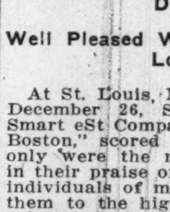

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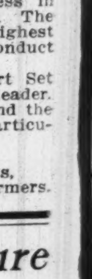

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Avery and Hart at the Bronx theater, New York, this week.

Prof. A. Barclay, magician, at the New Howard theater, Washington, D. C.

Fiddler and Shelton will play at the Orpheum Theater, Duluth, Minn., next week.

The Six Gum Drops with Dawson and Somers, at the Crescent theater, New York, this week.

The opening of the Walker Theater, Indianapolis, was a bloomin' success January 1, 1912.

Tim Owsley and his bunch are still doing business at the old stand, the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

Harry Brown is rehearsing for pantomime in Dublin, Ireland. He holds a contract for six weeks at Queens.

Billy E. Jones is scoring a big success with the song hit, "Want a Girl," at the Lincoln theater, Washington, D. C.

Johnson and Watts at Lowes Seventh Avenue theater last week, and the American music hall, New York City, this week.

Sam Lucas, this week at the Grand Opera House, Cleveland, O. He is making a good impression at the different theaters.

The Dudleys are still putting it on here in Chicago. Will take in the Ellis Imperial and Empress, finishing up on January 20th.

The Chicago Trio, new act, composed of three members of the Five Licorice Sticks, opened at the Lincoln theater, New York, and won a good hand.

The Royal Entertaining Trio, after appearing for two years at Roman's cafe, London, Eng., have received a contract for another two years.

Miss India B. Allen, the charming soubrette and versatile artist, after several weeks illness, is able to resume her work at the Globe theater, Norfolk, Va.

Hunter and Chappelle are scoring a success through Canada. The papers are commenting at length on the cleverness of the two boys from New York.

Thornton and Long, who have been resting up during the holidays at Washington, D. C., will open some time in January, perhaps the week of the 8th, at Wilmington, Del.

S. C. Elliott and G. I. DesVerney have closed a very successful season with the Great Andes and are located at 76 Dorsey street, Montgomery, Ala., until January 10.

Jeff DeMount and Gribble at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., last week, scored their usual success. This is a very clever team, and a feature on any bill on the big time.

LeRoy Bradshaw, trap drummer at the Pekin theater, Chicago, Ill., is the happy father of a bouncing girl. Mrs. Gertrude Bradshaw and Baby Ruby are reported to be doing very nicely.

Nothing cheap about the new theater. Make it a go. Two theaters is all right for 35,000 people. Keep them up. It means good employment for many. Make it a matter of business.

Mr. Henry Creamer, the composer, of New York City, has put an act in vaudeville, called Creamers Chocolates, which opened last week at the Crescent theater, New York, and made good.

Harry Brooks, the black face comedian, is having great success now touring the State of Maine, where he is more than pleasing. Opened at Rockland theater, 4th, for three days at Rockland, Me.

The Rainey Trio have just closed a two weeks engagement in New York at the Lincoln Theater and have opened for an indefinite period at the Southern Theater in Wilimngton, N. C., where the act is going big.

The Brook-Smith Stock Company, after filling successfully a long engagement at the Crown Garden theater, Indianapolis, has gone to St. Louis. The company will play a return engagement in Indianapolis at an early date.

W. S. Jenkins, of Downey & Wheeler's Circus, having charge of the band and minstrels with that show season of 1911-1912, sends regards to the Clarks, Gene and Joe. At present cornetist at Dixie Theater, Charlotte, N. C.

The celebrated Leon Long, magician and ventriloquist, after spending the holidays with his parents in Jacksonville Fla., leaves for Dehand for week of January 1. Bartow Fla. week of January 8 Dixie Theatre Tampa Fla. January 22.

The North Carolina Quartette, better known as the North Carolina Spiders, is singing with great success. Members of the quartette are Linze, soprano; James Nixon, tenor; Ernest Brown, baritone; Paul Taylor, bass. At Wilmington, N. C.

At the Southern Theatre Wilmington, N. C. Susie Davis a dainty little soubret, singing and dancing; Bishop Brown, dancing; the Nelson Sisters, singing and talking; Happy Howe, Chinese impersonator; Rainey and Rainey; A howling success in general.

Miss Russell, of the team of Porter and Russell, has just closed a successful three weeks engagement at the Dixie theater, Charlotte, N. C., and will open at the Lyric theater, Wilmington, N. C., for three weeks. Would like very much to hear from Miss Lela B. Mitchell.

Martin and Motely have just closed a successful two weeks' engagement at the Alpha Theater. They are stopping at Mr. and Mrs. Ochus Moody, the best place in town to stop. Performers kindly call and see place, 3043 Central avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank Kuk starts on the W. V. M. A. time, Thursday, January 4, Academy, Chicago; 8, Palace, Chicago; 11, Holland, Mich.; week of 15, Gary and Michigan City, Ind.; week of 22, Lincoln and Freeport, Ill.; week of 29, Iowa City and Muscatine, Ia.; Feb. 5, Ames and Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. Ivy Hubbard, writing from Birmingham, Ala., says: "I am still laying off resting. For the benefit of performers, there is no theater here; only a tent; so let it be known. There is a good field for one and there has been one some time ago, but none now. Give my regards to all performers on and off."

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kersands, at Dallas, Tex., send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. S. A. Austin is producing at the Grand. H. R. Dixon is on the strand. Manager Jack Harris is all smiles. Others connected with the Grand seem at home on or off the stage. They are making the right kind of an impression pith the public.

Sandifer and Gant, two clever boys from the West, scored one of the biggest hits seen at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., in a long time in fact the act was a scream from start to finish. The Washingtonians certainly appreciate the work of this clever team. They stop the show at every performance, which is going some for this team. The left Washington Sunday for New York City, to open in New York, this being their first appearance in the East. They will certainly repeat their former success.

The Ruby theater, formerly under the management of Billy King, has been purchased by a syndicate and will be under the management of Joseph D. Clark, Jr. The house is to undergo remodeling and will be made a ten-thousand dollar theater. The opening will be about the first week of February. The house will play all of the best colored acts, playing five and six acts each week.

Clever Billy Young has finished successful engagements recently: Rainer Club, Seattle, Wash.; Athletic Club, Seattle, Wash.; Pastime Theatre, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Rose Theatre, Everett, Wash.

Engagement last week at the Kulsham Theatre here, opened in Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1st for one week at the Princess theatre, with other time to follow.

Eugene Hellman, a magician, ventriloquist and illusionist of ability and reputation, formerly of Washington, D. C., but at present residing at Atlantic City, preparing an entirely new act for next season. The new act will consist of original ideas and original wierd illusion sketch, entitled "The Sheriff, Fowl and Enchanted Ghost," which will no doubt be a big scream. The act will run eighteen minutes on full stage with a flashy setting and a good line of talk. This act will be a big feature on the big time, booking now being arranged to that effect. Hellman is spending the Christmas and New Years at his home in Washington. Happy New Year to all friends.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S MIGHTY MINSTRELS.

The mighty minstrels opened with a matinee at the new Majestic theater in Nashville, Tenn., Christmas day to standing room only and many were turned away during the evening performance, notwithstanding the fact that the house isn't equipped and ready to play a first-class company. Inclement weather the remainder of the week caused a slight decrease in business. Mr. Johnson, the acting manager, who has an undertaking establishment, certainly understands his business. The theater when finished will be a beauty and a new field for vaudevillians. Mr. Johnson was very lenient with the minstrels and furnished hacks and tallyho for the daily parades. The house will not be completed for use until on or about February 15. The members of the mighty minstrels are well and happy. There's no gloom at all but everything is joy—yes! bliss unspeakable. It is a source of pleasure to travel with an organization of this kind where enmity is unknown and the word jealousy being obsolete. And where is the hatchet and hammer? Really, it must be buried, only to be dug up later by some antique minstrel star—more anon.

"DANIEL BOONE ON THE TRAIL."

Avenue Theater, Louisville, Ky., Week of January 7.

Everyone who is familiar with the early history of this country's fight for independence has read or heard of Daniel Boone's intimate associations which led up to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, as well as his equally valuable work in blazing a trail through the wilderness, his hair-raising conflicts with the Indians and savage beasts of the forest, of the recognition accorded his service by Washington and the final tribute of the people of his native State

of Kentucky, who have reared a monument to his memory in the city of Frannkfort; all of these events are thrillingly and picturesquely told in the soul-stirring frontier melodrama "Daniel Boone on the Trail,' which will be next week's attraction at the Avenue theater. The wild scenes of forest and mountain are vividly depicted by a company which embraces hunters and trappers, Sioux Indians from one of Uncle Sam's reservations, under the leadership of Young Buffalo; savage Siberian wolves, which attack Boone's cabin at night; bears and huge trailing dogs. Daniel Boone has one of the greatest colored character parts ever seen in any play. There will be a daily matinee.

DISSOLUTION

Of L. D. Joel, Theatrical King, and C. P. Bailey, Moving Picture Prince, of Atlanta, Ga.

The partnership of L. D. Joel and C. P. Baily has been dissolved. This leaves L. D. Joel in charge of the entire situation of colored show business of Atlanta. He is now indeed crowned "king." C. P. Baily was the pioneer of colored theater success of Atlanta, beginning with the Arcade theater, at that time L. D| Joel was driving along in Jacksonville, Fla. The plunging foresight of the "king" caused him to import to Jacksonville such people as Slim Henderson, Bob Russell, Billy Owens, Marion Brooks, Marguerite Scott, and many others worthy of mention. Through this medium he learned the show game pretty fast together with his own natural theatrical talents, and since he has turned his attention to Atlanta, he has had a "real battle" and his experience in Jacksonville fortified him for this attack, and now the purchasing of C. P. Baily's interest in the Central theater and the J. P. theater, makes him now the master of the situation. From all reports he books many other houses through the South. By the sole ownership of these two houses by L. D. Joel it certainly makes a big difference in favor of the performers playing in that direction. For the "king" don't ever need a partner, as they may endanger the success of this progressive manager. It is hoped that Mr. Baily will open another house in some city, for in his own way he will do well. A very strict tab is kept on all managers of colored play houses in the country by this office, also of performers. Our information is that L. D. Joel, aside from his sole ownership of the Central theater and the J. B. theater, he remains the secretary and booking agent for the Southern Vaudeville Circuit. Oh, you Theatrical "King.'

WE WANT YOUR ATTENTION, PERFORMERS!

It does not matter where you go or what town you change to and how often you may change, The Freeman management has arranged it so that the paper will reach you each Saturday on time for $1.00 in advance for a whole year. This reduced rate will only last during the month of January, after which the price will go back to the regular rate of $1.50 the year. Write us.

CROWN GARDEN.

Tim E. Owsley, Mgr.

The new bill which opened at the rown Garden Monday night, meets popular approval and pleases a big audience. Everry act on the bill is worthy of the best patronage. Manager Tim E. Owsley is establishing an enviable reputation in producing short plylets and giving the patrons

WILSON AND DAVIS, CROWN GARDEN.

what they want, maintaining the same high-class exploits. The first of the evening to assist in the festivities was Wilson and Davis Trio, in the "School Boy and the Teacher." Mr. Wilson made a very funny school boy, giving his teacher a great deal of trouble in a very laughable way. Mr. Wilson's song and dance number was a hit, as he is a clever soft shoe

BABY F. SEALS, CROWN GARDEN.

dancer. Miss Davis, as a school marm, was also clever. As a whole this act made good from start to finish.

An act whose name did not appear on the program did a monologue that was a scream.

Then on came Seals and Fisher, the laugh promoters. Well, everything they did made one laugh; every word they would say would bring a laugh. This act was of a travesty nature. Mr. Seals, as a comedian, is real funny, and Miss Fisher, the dainty, cute little soubrette, a real actress. The act bore the title of "Rehearsing His Part," This act is one best bet. Mr. Seals' parody on Jack Johnson was well received. Such acts as the Seals

BABY FLOYD FISHER, CROWN GARDEN.

and Fisher kind are what the public wants. So different in every way.

Mr. Demos Jones, "That Single Man," was another hit of the evening. From the time he stuck his good-looking face from behind the tormentors in "one." The audience heard some excellent singing both of old and new songs in a pleasing way. His singing was easy and apparently without an effort. He closed his act with a buck dance.

"In Hell for Twenty Minutes" is one of the funniest acts or playlets ever seen at the rown Garden. It has a moral lesson in it as well as a bunch of fun. In this act the audience is given a chance to see some real acting from the sublime to the ridiculous, making the audience convulse themselves in laughter. Mr. Al Boyd as the Devil, is one of the best character artists we have ever seen. His work is effective. Miss Davis as Miss Society, learns one a lesson. Miss aro Boyd, as an Imp, did well. Mr. Wilson as Bill Jones, looked the part as well as acted a real

AL. BOYD, CROWN GARDEN.

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By K. C. E.

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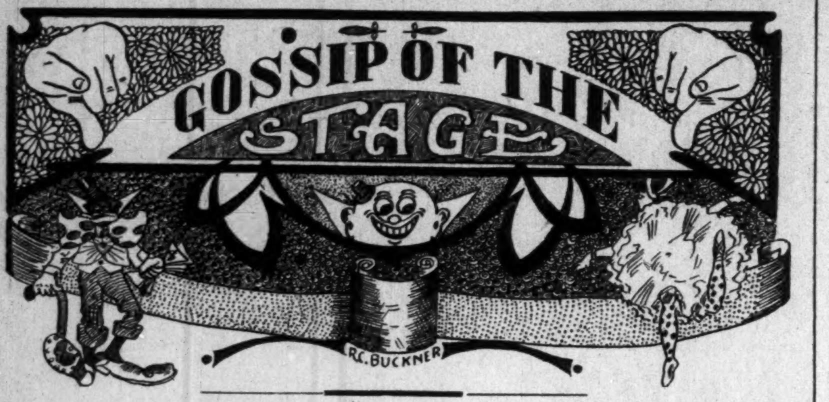

Little Johnny Jones and Eva Moore played the Grand opera house, Steubenville, O., week of January 1, 1911.

Billie Ritchie, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, is at present at Chattanooga, Tenn. He has a big plantation show to stage for a big entertainment.

The Hunt's Georgia minstrels had their Christmas dinner at Portland, Ark. Our manager is now wearing a smile. Zollie Ford joined them in that city.

The Rainey Trio, Julia Mathews and daughter, Harris and Harris and Happy How played to packed houses last week at the Southern theatorium, Wilmington, N. C.

The Demey is playing to packed houses every night at Oklahoma City, Okla. J. W. Wright, Jr., also doing nice business with his skating rink on the third floor of the auditorium.

The Pekin theater orchestra of Savannah, Ga., made a hit at the Christmas day matinee, when they played for the first time, "The Pekin Buck Dance," a new composition by W. A. Robison.

Laura Logan, the sweet soprano, has just closed a successful engagement at Vicksburg, Miss. Miss Logan is a classical singer, coon shouter, novelty singer and comedienne, making success with her song-dance, "Hula, Hula."

There has been a stock company organized in Argentina, Ark., that will put out under canvass the Famous Dandy Dixie Minstrel Co. They have two cars in the Rock Island shops being rebuilt for this purpose. This show will be one of the best ever put out under canvass.

Charles English is scoring a big hit with the Sunny Dixie minstrels through the State of Georgia. Willie Venable is also making good, singing "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey." She sends regards to Rebecca Simmons, also the Harrison Bros. bunch, and Nashville Students.

The Woodens, that only duo of colored cyclists, finish up the contract they had with the R. J. Morris time around Cleveland, O., at Barberton, O., week of December 25. Mr. S. C. Green, of the Alpha theater, Cleveland, O., the new colored theater in Cleveland, has secured the Woodens sa the star attraction of the bill for the New Year's week. They also play the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., week of January 8, 1912.

CHRISTMAS ON THE SMART SET CAR.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

Ever since Gaspar, Melchoir and Belshazzar, the three wise men, followed the Star of Bethlehem, from three different corners of the earth. nutil it led them to the lowly manger, where they laid their precious gifts at the feet of the Infant Jesus, the beautiful custom of giving and receiving presents on Christmas day has continued through the centuries.

Christmas day upon the Smart Set car will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be happy participants in the festivities.

Mr. Corwell, our genial manager, always with a thought to the happiness of his company, upon reaching Montgomery, Ala., saw that the car was placed in a convenient spot where the people might enjoy themselves without fear of molestation.

Early Christmas morning Homer and I were awakened by knocks upon our stateroom door, these knocks were followed by other knocks and these by still others, until we thought it was an army of invasion storming our Fort Morpheus. When we opened the door we were overwhelmed by an avalanche of presents that had been placed against our door, and grteeted by peals of happy laughter and calls of "Merry Christmas" from the entire company.

Then the fun began, the company next assaulted Mr. Corwell's office and deluged him with presents and Merry Christmas until his eyes bulged and sparkled like a little boy who awakes Christmas morning to find his stockings overflowing with remembrances from Santa Claus.

After this interchanging of presents became general. A merry peal of laughter followed by "This is just what I wanted" or similar expressions could be heard all over the car. Then the boys began a parade up and down the aisle. One with three or four ties around his neck, or another with a dozen handekerchiefs stuck in his several pockets, or another with a half dozen pairs of socks upon his feet. Every present each boy received was hung somewhere upon him. But the boys had to give way to the girls, who, while not so obstreperous in their demonstrations, were equally jubilant. Here could be seen some girl hugging a token from mother, while tears of joy ran down her cheeks. In fact laughter and tears seemed to be in order for the girls, while some of the boys contracted head colds that made them sniffle.

It would take an entire page to enumerate the presents received and given by the entire company. Of the two hundred presents interchanged, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Tutt received fifty equally divided between them.

Mr. Corwell received a silver shaving set and mirror with electrical attachments from S. Tutt Whitney and brother, and a silk umbrella with silver engraved handle, the gift of the company.

J. Homer Tutt received a solid gold gold ring, C. V. B. A. design, set with eight diamonds, the gift of Mabel Brown, and a walnut cabinet with silver shaving set, the gift of Mr. Corwell.

S. Tutt Whitney was the happy recipient of a gold fob and specially designed charm set with sixteen diamonds, the gift of his brother Homer, also a solid gold fountain pen, the gift of Miss Babe Brown.

Sam Gardner was presented with a solitaire diamond ring by Josie Graham. The doctors say he will recover.

Miss Babe Brown received a gold watch from S. Tutt Whitney. She is still in a critical condition.

Miss Mabel Brown was made happy by the gift of a beautiful velvet suit with silk finishings, the gift of J. Homer Tutt. She may get over it but will never look the same.

Josie Graham received a handsomely carved gold bracelet from Sam Gardner. She has lost the use of one arm.

Eethel Marshall received a coral bracelet set with sapphires. Goldie Chappelle, a beautiful silver hand bag. Tom Lockhart, a gold watch. Cleo Mitchell, three beautiful silk and satin waists. Not one was forgotten and little Salina Baynard was the happiest person on the car. Santa Claus gave every one something to give her and she is already composing a letter to Santa stating what she would like to have for next Christmas.

DREAMLAND THEATER, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

A. Raschio, Proprietor—Chintz Moore, Amusement Director.

A Happy New Year to all of the profession and managers and hope each and every performer has a good and kind manager like we have away out here in Texas. He gave us a Christmas dinner that will long be remembered. The guests at the dinner were Mrs. Birdie Wade, given up by press and public to be one of the greatest coon shouters of the present day; Birdie and Chintz you know, were raised together and they showed how much they thought of each other by dancing the two-step which won the favor of each and every one's heart. Mrs. Ella B. Moore, the wife of one of the most promising comedians of the day, that Chintz Moore, was the hostess of the evening, and was well pleased when every one was seated around the table. The invited guests were Mr. Eddie Singleton, the principal comedian with Busby's minstrels, and Mr. Willie Timmons, the leader of the band with the same show; Mr. Buddie Helms, comedian on same show, and an old pal of Chintz's; Mr. Jolly Davis, comedian, rated as Louisiana's foremost comedian and San Antonio's favorite comedian was present and says hello to all, especially Julius Glenn with the Patti show; Mrs. Effie Moore, the leading lady with the Busby minstrel, was present and joined in the festivities. She is also filling a short engagement here while the show is laying off for the holidays. We wish we had some more Effie's here; she is some worker. Oh, yes, last but not ueast, our old friend, Mr. Chas. Kline, our piano player, was on hand and he surely expressed his feeling by passing a few remarks in regard to the occasion. Chas. is another white man with a white heart. After the dinner cigars were passed and the wine, then a few words in behalf of turning over a new leaf to start with 1912, and everybody went home feeling fine. Long live all good people. The entire bunch sends regards to the profession.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

By S. Tutt Whitney.

The owners and editors of the Indianapolis Freeman and the New York Age have every reason to be proud of their Christmas editions. The articles, by their several contributors, were well written and the subjects rightly chosen. They contained much valuable and instructive information and were for the most part written in an optimistic vein, which was right, pessimism belongs to old age and failure.

The future for the colored performer is bright with rosy promises. The vacancies, left by those who have made their final exit from the stage of life, should be a spur to the highest endeavor to those who are following in the footsteps of the great. It is better to aim high and miss, than to aim low and hit. We are all likely to be jealous of the attainments of our friends who have won the summit, and when they pass into the great unknown are wont to exclaim, "They can never fill the place," "There will never be another," but this is an age of advancement, there will always be others and still others. Those who are in the army have but to qualify so they can fill the vacancy left by those departed and take their places in the front rank of the steady march of progression.

Never was the demand for good colored performers so great, or the opportunities so many as at the present time. Vaudeville managers are asking for good colored acts, but they want originality and novelty. It takes study and intelligence to produce these. There are too many plagarists and parisites. Too many knockers and such a few boosters.

Every performer should have pride in his profession. Intelligence should permeate all his work. He should scorn to stoop to anything base or vulgar to attain results, or do anything but what will appeal to the best, the noblest emotions or passions of his audience.

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It has been our pleasure to play behind the Royal Sam Company in several towns. Everywhere it is pronounced a good show. I have yet to hear one dissenting voice. They not only praise the show but the deportment of the people. By giving them a good show they have helped us, as we hope we have helped them in the places they have followed the Smart Set. There is room in the South for several good colored shows, but not enough room for one bad one. We wish Jolly John Larkins and his happy flock a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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To the readers of The Freeman and the public I wish to say: That I have known Mr. Chas. Moseley, manager of the Pekin theater, Norfolk, Va., for about ten years, during which period the intercourse of our friendship has been mostly felicitous. Without knowing anything about the controversy between Mr. Moseley and Mr. Pitt, other than what appeared in The Freeman, I wish to say that last spring I had occasion to go to New York from Washington, a week prior to my opening at the Globe theater, Norfolk. I sent my wife to Mr. Moseley. He met her at the station, secured for her the best accommodation possible and looked after her every comfort during the week of my absence as any true Brother Elk or Brother C. V. B. A. would have done. My wife and I are grateful to Mr. Moseley for his many courtesies and gentlemanly conduct.

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The brothers have composed 52 songs and written 18 plays and musical comedies. Their most popular songs are "Oh, My Miss Mandy," "I Ain't Going to Let Nobody, Nobody Make a Fool Out of Me," "Smile On, Sue," "Good Night, Marie," and "Only to Dream and Glide." The plays that have been produced with success outside of stock are "The Ex-President," "The Star of Zanzibar" and "The Mayor of Newtown."

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BELOIT, WIS.

Mr. James Wagoner, of this city is spending his holidays in St. Louis, among his old friends....Mr. H. T. Devine, of this city, is spending his Christmas with his mother in Indianapolis....Mr. Tom Woods and wife, of Madison, Wis., spent Christmas with his brother, Mr. Robert Harper, of this city..Mrs. Peterson spent her Christmas days with Mrs. Louis, of Elm street....Mr. Hubert James visited friends at Janesville, Wis., during the holidays.

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POPULATION OF MARYLAND ACCORDING TO COLOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A preliminary statement of the white and Negro population of Maryland, by counties and principal cities, as is shown by the returns of the Thirteenth Decennial Census, taken as of April 15, 1910, was issued recently by Director Durand of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population in the Census Bureau, and are subject to later revision.

The total population of Maryland in 1910 was subdivided as to color as follows: White, 1,062,645; Negroes, 232,249; all other persons (Indians, Chinese and Japanese), 452. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 952,424; Negroes, 235,064; all others, 556. For 1890 they were: White, 826,493; Negroes, 215,657; all others, 240.

The Negro population constituted 17.9 per cent. of the total population of the State in 1910, as against 19.8 per cent. in 1900, and 20.7 per cent in 1890.

There has been a decrease since 1900 in the Negro population of 2,815, or 1.2 per cent., as compared with an increase during the preceding decade of 19,407, or 9 per cent. The white population shows an increase during the past decade of 110,221, or 11.6 per cent., as against 125,931, or 15.2 per cent. during the former decade.

Baltimore city had a population in 1910 of 558,485, comprising 473,390 whites, 84,749 Negroes, and 346 other persons. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 429,218; Negro, 79,258; all other, 481. For 1890 they were: White, 367,143; Negro, 67,104; all other, 192.

The white and Negro population constituted 84.8 per cent., respectively, of the total of 1910, approximately the same proportions as for the two preceding censuses. The white population of Baltimore increased 44,172, or 10.3 per cent., during the decade 1900-1910, as compared with 62,075, or 16.9 per cent. for the preceding decade. The Negro population has increased during the past 10 years at a somewhat slower rate than the white population, and its rate of increase was less than half the rate for the preceding decade. The increase was 5,491, or 6.9 per cent., from 1900 to 1910, as compared with 12,154, or 18.1 per cent., from 1890 to 1900.

For the remainder of the State outside of Baltimore there has been since 1900 a decrease in the Negro population of 8.036, or 5.3 per cent., as against an increase from 1890 to 1900 of 7,253, or 4.9 per cent.

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SPORTING NEWS.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Jack Curley, manager of Fireman Jim Flynn, who has challenged Jack Johnson, said he would refuse the offer of promoter Harry Pollock, of New York, for a $25,000 purse for a ten-round bout. Curley wants his man to go the long route.

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PHILADELPHIA.—Chuck Charlton, the Negro heavyweight from the navy, defeated Horris Harris in the windup at the Broadway Athletic Club last week. Harris was in poor shape and was compelled to hold in every round. But Charlton did not seem to have any idea of how to land a finishing blow, and by stalling Harris managed to stay the limit, meantime, landing an occasional blow to the big sailor.

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Jimmy Coffroth today started a campaign which he thinks will land the Johnson-Flynn match. He proposes to stage the encounter at Reno. The local promoter considers Flynn a serious contender for the heavyweight championship and is planning to give Johnson his price of $30,000. "Flynn is fighting in remarkable form," said Coffroth. "His showing against Kaufman entitles him to a chance at the championship. If I get the bout it will be a finish affair and wil be staged at Reno."

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It is said that Jack Johnson will soon be seen in the ring in a ten-round bout with Fireman Jim Flynn, and that the champion will be coaxed to go on for much less than $30,000. Johnson has indicated his willingness to confer with Harry Pollock, of New York, and Jack Curley, manager for Flynn. Johnson says he will hold out for a twenty-round battle and a $30,000 purse, but he intimated that if Curley and Pollock can not raise the purse and Jim Coffroth fails to bid for the bout he would be agreeable to the shorter distance with the shorter purse.

SAM M'VEY VICTOR OVER LANGFORD.

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THE OBJECTIVE IS STILL ONE JACK JOHNSON.

By Billy.

The program of fights mapped out by Hugh McIntosh, the well-known Australian fight promoter, in the early fall was a great success in every way. The Parisian idol left his happy home under the care of his trainer, Billy McClain, sport promoter of Brussels, Belgium, for the express purpose of starring in the series of contests, which in the end, won the attention of the civilized world.

They sped away,
To Rushcutter Bay,
Beyond old Ind,
And far Cathay;
Bill McClain and Sam McVey.

McVey was the Hamlet of the affair. He was the feature, proving as the fabled tar baby, holding all tight that took a lunge at him. It was McVey vs. Lester, McVey vs. Lang, McVey vs. Jack Johnson, or Sam Langford. And as the public knows well enough by this time, the idol of Paris put all of his opponents away in one, two, three order. The already hero of a hundred battles had three more scalps dangling at his belt. And the idol of Paris threatens to become the idol of the world.

The finale of the series was to have been Jack Johnson versus Sam McVey, but the wary champion broke away from his agreement. Perhaps there was no agreement in the first place. Billy McClain gave it out that he had been successful in signing up the two gladiators for Rushcutter Bay, Australia, December 25, 1911. He congratulated himself that he had been so lucky as to arrange a meeting for the champion heavyweight of the world and the champion heavyweight of Europe. As a pugilistic endeavor, had he been successful, he would today stand at the head of his class. It meant the keenest interest of civilization, owing to a contest that would have been truly international. The opponents on one hand being the Negro Jack Johnson, who fresh from the field of Reno, where the American white hope bit the dust, as so many of the erstwhile dwellers of the far west had done before. Proud as a chanteleer, he dominated his limitations. He sought new fields and all things sped away as the dew before the sun. On the other was a McVey, who had humbled the pugilistic pride of all Europe, and who sat secure and tranquil on his throne, while Paris and the rest of it salaamed low before his ebony highness.

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Either Jack Johnson repudiated his contract with Billy McClain, or Billy had a pipe dream.

But at that the very next best thing happened—a match between McVey and Langford. The fight reminds one of Napoleon campaigning in Egypt, but the present day hero goes back unscathed to hear the shouts, the cries, while the Corsican had to maneuver to get home with his hide intact.

But to be fair to Langford, the decision by many is considered a paper decision; it was not popular, yet it was approved by many who felt that McVey had the best of the Boston Tar Baby. Logically, Langford has lost nothing by the outcome of the fight. Both Langford and McVey have gained regardless of what happened. Langford was not knocked out in a twenty-round go with a man of the heavyweight class; he being a middleweight. He stuck up game through it all, ending in quite as good shape as McVey. He won rounds alternately with his opponent nearly until the finish. He was floored but once and then he sprang up immediately showing that the blow was simply happily placed—the feeling was not because he was groggy or jaded. All of this makes Langford a logical rival of Jack Johnson just as much as Sam McVey is a rival of Jack Johnson. If McVey or Langford chooses to meet Johnson it is not readily seen how he can avoid the issue. McVey has it already that Johnson has forfeited his championship by failing to meet him at Sydney.

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The theory has been given out that the championship fight would be much more interesting if fought between a white man and a Negro. It may be that the big ones are holding out for some such turn. In fact, I know there's a feeling of the kind. Perhaps it would not be wise to say more than that on that point. If the idea is clung to, it means that the contest is becoming a sort of trust affair, held by the three or four pugilistic magnates who are content to let matters rest just as they are among themselves. They will take on white men since there are none in sight to whip them thus boosting their own stock as invincibles, but who will not match among themselves, or should they do so it will be more than likely a hippodrome. Perhaps some will think I am saying more than I know. I am saying quite as much as I know—no more, no less.

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"We sporters" and the rest of us are interested in knowing who is the best man, and will not give comfort to any pugilistic pool of heavyweights or any other weights. The championship lies between Jack Johnson, Sam McVey and Sam Langford. They can, by keeping up certain tactics, keep themselves in the limelight and thus reap the coin, which after all is more essential than the title. The others of course are shining light, to some extent, but Jack is wise enough to know that his eclipse is more probable by these luminaries, and he too, is not willing to take chances that do not look good to him. So fight the white men; get the money, but no broken heads for ourselves, by ourselves.

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Johnson comes to America disavowing all of the things said about his retirement. He has gone into training in Chicago with expectation of meeting Flynn, Morris or some of the other would-be white hopes, and who have proven such a hopeless lot. Jack Sullivan, Al Palzer, Al Kaufmann, Joe Jeannette, have all shot up as stars of considerable magnitude in the pugilistic firmament. They may all do well enough for the recouping of the Johnson fortunes, but they are not prize men and Johnson knows it.

These men are willing enough to stand before the human catapult since it means both glory and coin, in defeat or victory. Jack Johnson knows it, and he means that any of the group of secondary luminants shall pay for the privilege of the association.

Johnson also seemingly prefers this raft of fighters, provided they come up with the ducats. Get the money, then come on, he says. But the world of onlookers wishes to know of him making terms with either Sam McVey or Sam Langford, men of his class, regardless of the money opportunity.

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MORRIS DEFEATS NEW YORK "HOPE."

Eastern Pugilist Battered.

NEW YORK.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma engineer, outfought Tom Kennedy, the New York heavyweight, in eight rounds of a ten-round bout at the Empire Athletic Club. In the general opinion of those at the ringside neither of the white hopes showed any advancement tonight toward their aspirations of some day wresting the world's championship from Jack Johnson. The heavier Oklahoma man, weighing 228 pounds as compared with Kenedy's 215, was considered too slow and Kennedy's much praised foot work proved a disappointment.

The New York man showed great gameness in taking punishment. He had so much the worst of it in the latter rounds that many of the spectators shouted to Referee Dan Tome to stop the bout, but he declined to interfere.

The first round was even, with Morris's best blows lefts and rights to the body, and Kennedy's left jabs to the face. Morris rushed in the second with a left to the face, followed by lefts and rights to the head and stomach. Kennedy sent back a couple of left jabs to the face.

Morris Forces Fighting.

Morris kept forcing through the third round with rights and lefts to the body and a left to the face. Kennedy also got in a stinging left to the Westerner's face and followed with a left swing to the jaw. They exchanged body blows and were in the midst of a hot rally at the bell. It was Morris's round. Morris was the aggressor in the fourth, but in the fifth honors went to Kenedy. After taking a right and left to the head and being forced into a neutral corner, Kennedy exchanged left hooks with Morris and got a bleeding nose. Kennedy came back, however, with a shot of his right to the jaw, staggering Morris to the ropes at the end of the round.

Morris came back in the sixth with severe punishment for Kennedy by short arm jolts, half uppercuts and a straight left on Kennedy's nose, which made it bleed the more. From this on, Morris was all over his man, with Kennedy fighting back as gamely as he could. The bout ended with a rally in which both were infighting to the body. They clinched several times and in the breakaway Morris got in the more telling blows. The only damage Morris showed was a puffing of his lips, while Kennedy was bleeding profusely at the nose and was severely battered.

JACK JOHNSON.

Champion Says He Is in Condition and Ready to Fight.

CHICAGO, Ill.—"I'll even fight Johnny Coulon, if they give me $30,000," said Jack Johnson recently. "They say I'm all in and can't fight ten rounds. Just let Jimmy Coffroth, Tom McCarey or Hugh McIntosh meet my price and I'll fight any man in the world. If I am supposed to be down and out, why don't some of these promoters take advantage of staging a fight between me and one of these 'hopes,' whom so many persons think have a chance of beating me in a contest?

"Since my return from Europe I have heard a great deal about Jim Flynn. It is true he beat Al. Kaufmann and Carl Morris, but he has been doing so much talking since those fights that I will meet him, winner take all, if there is enough money in the house. I have beaten Flynn before, and I'll stop him with a punch if necessary. Don't think for a minute Jack Johnson is all in. I am fit and ready to meet any man in the world, and I don't care whether it is six rounds or whether it is to a finish. I am tired of hearing these stories about my retirement."

These remarks were made by the champion in the presence of the selected few who had been invited to celebrate the day for which Johnson broke contracts in Europe and made a hasty trip to his home to be with his relatives. It was the consensus of opinion that Jack is in great shape and that he needs little work to put him in shape for any fight.

From the gist of Jack's conversation he has not much use for Jack Curley. The champion is of the opinion that Curley is trying to get some free advertising and he is going to make Curley "make good or shut up." Johnson is willing and eager to fight. He does not fear anybody and the sooner he makes a match and settles down to the training grind the more satisfied he will be.

Jack's imported racing car, which he claims can average 85 miles an hour, arrived at the Wabash avenue residence last week. The champion lost no time in putting it in commission and he passed most of the day entertaining his friends with whirls over the South Side boulevards. His other cars will be released from the Custom House shortly, and it will not be surprising to hear of Johnson saying "Good morning, judge," at any time.

Johnson's recent workout was the cause of much interest. He claims to be faster than ever and he is willing to wager that he tips the scales under 230 pounds. For the edification of the doubtful ones he will box ten three-minute rounds to show the local critics he still is master of the heavyweight situation.

Johnson still is an attraction. At least there are two who think so. In Jack's Christmas mail were two letters, one from Dr. Lathrop, of Boston, and the other from David A. Weiss, of Houston, Texas, offering the champion a bag or gold to sign contracts for theatrical work. The Boston contract asks that Jack appear at the Boston Music Hall in two weeks and the Texan wants "Lil Artha" to tour the United States. Jack is considering both.

The report that Jack and Joe Jeannette had talked over terms for a match were denied by the champion. Jack said that he did not know that Jeannette was in in town. Jack said he would willingly sign with Jeannette providing the purse was put up and he would bet $10,000 on the side. Jack is of the firm opinion that he can whip all prize fighters in the ring today, but asserts that he is a "high-class" fighter and must have his own price.

The big champion did not buy a present in the foreign lands.

When asked why he did not pay duty on a lot of gifts he asserted that they make things in America that suit him "puffectly." Jack was loaded down with gifts from his numerous friends. He received a large package from his mother which he refused to open on Christmas eve, declaring that he wanted to hold it for one more pleasure tomorrow. Mrs. Tiny Johnson also presented a diamond ring to Mrs. J. Arthur Johnson.

Joe Jeannette paid Chicago a visit with the avowed intention of forcing Jack Johnson to sign articles for a world's championship setto.

"Jeannette is speaking glibly about a $5,000 forfeit he has put up," said Johnson. "I'll go him one better. If he wishes to meet me I'll post $10,000 as a side bet for him to cover. He can't have the fight unless he shows enough confidence to back himself to this extent. In addition I must get $30,000 for my end of the purse, win, lose or draw."

Jeannette declared Johnson is dodging him, not caring for any of his game over a long route.

"It's this way," said Joe. "Ever since I won from Johnson on a foul in Philadelphia he has refused to meet me save in a six or ten-round struggle. He knows that I can beat him over a long period, and that's the reason he won't agree to box me. What I want is a contest for thirty rounds or more, then we'll see who is the best fighter in the world."

Jeannette has a great reputation for stamina. It will be remembered that he made Sam McVey quit after forty-nine rounds of terrific milling in Paris, after he had been floored many times in the first twenty-five rounds. That was the bout Jeannette made famous by the liberal use of oxygen to keep himself going.

Johnson attended a ball after partaking of a Christmas dinner of championship proportions. He declared that his somewhat roomy stockings had been well filled by Santa Claus.

BIG SMOKE DONS MITTS IN A WINDY CITY GYM.

Wants 30,000 Plunks for His Share in Any Bout.

CHICAGO, Ill.—For the first time in two months Jack Johnson put on the pillows at a local gymnasium last week and opened his training for what he claims will be the best year of his career. The big cinder declared he would meet all comers provided a $30,000 purse was hung up for his end.

Joe Jeannette paid Chicago a visit last week with the avowed intention of forcing Johnson to sign articles for a world's championship setto. He did not see Jack, and it may be that he was overawed by being in the same city with the boss of pugdom. He did make a lot of talk about a fight, however, and spoke of a $5,000 forfeit he had posted in New York to bind a match.

His conversation drew from Johnson the terms under which he can get a chance at the crown. The champion did not appear very enthusiastic about a scrap with Joe, as he stated he did not believe that any one would pay him his price of $30,000 for such a fight.

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M'VEY MAY BE NEXT VICTIM FOR BIG SMOKE.

Jim Flynn After Match.

CHICAGO.—Jack Johnson's next fight probably will be with Sam McVey, the Negro fighter, who defeated Sam Langford in Australia, over the twenty round route. The champion today received a cable from promoter Hugh McIntosh that Johnson would receive a guarantee of $30,000, with a liberal percentage, if he would agree to meet McVey. If the Australian offer is accepted the $30,000 must be deposited in some reliable bank before Johnson leaves Chicago.

Al Kaufmann also issued a challenge at the champion, while word was received from Jack Curley, manager of Jim Flynn, asking Johnson to hold off from making any matches until Curley arrives in Chicago on Sunday.

Johnson said today that he would not pay any attention to the challenges until he saw the color of the money he demands to fight. It is the champion's opinion that Curley is trying to interest some western mining men in his scheme of matching Flynn and Johnson. Jack said emphatically that he would not fight in either San Francisco or Los Angeles. He still remembers the time he was put in jail in San Francisco for automobile speeding and believes he would be arrested on the slightest provocation in either of the coast cities.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mrs. John Hayes is improving at the city hospital.

Attorney J. H. Lott spent Christmas in Fort Wayne.

Miss Nannie Brown has returned to her home in Kokomo.

Mr. George Wilson is visiting his parents in Greenfield.

Misses Eva and Ethel Tyler have returned from Dayton, O.

Miss Nettie Lewis, of Chicago, spent a few days here this week.

Mr. John Bowling left Monday for Terre Haute for several weeks.

Mr. Joseph Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., was in the city last week.

C. W. Harris, of Hamilton, Mont., is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. Lena Stone entertained the Women's Club Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Thaddeus Johnson is ill at her home in Bellefontaine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert oYung are speculating in Kansas City, Kan.

Miss Edith Gordon, a clever actress, of Chicago, is in the city this week.

Mrs. Hattie Pool is improving nicely at her home in North Senate avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Henderson, of Vincennes, have permanently located here.

Mr. Moses Yancey and Miss Elnora James were quietly married December 28.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller, of Kentucky, spent the holidays with several of their friends here.

The Freeman contains all the best and latest news. Send in your subscription at once.

Miss Grace Daugherty has been taken from Lincoln hospital to her home in Superior street.

Miss Wilder Glass returned to her home in Paris, Ky., after spending the holidays with relatives.

Miss Leona Marshall, well known in the theatrical profession, is at the new Walker theater this week.

The White Rose and Blue Ribbon Social Club was entertained by Mrs. George Clay Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Reed, grand worthy counselor of Indiana, was in Evansville last week on official business.

Madame Lucretia Knox, our prima donna, is filling an engagement at the new Walker theater this week.

The Young Ladies Club will meet with Miss Katie Johnson next Thursday. A program will be rendered.

Master Thaddeus Johnson entertained a number of little friends New Year's day, in honor of his seventh birthday.

An entertainment will be given at the Flanner Guild on Thursday evening, January 12, by Charities Nos. 6, 16 and 17.

Mrs. A. J. Allen, of Logansport, Ind., spent New Year's day with her mother, Mrs. Belle Davis, in North West street.

Mesdames Lucy Mitchell and Katherine Leonard visited several points in Kentucky last month. They report a fine trip.

Samaritan Court No. 37 will hold its regular meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Miss Bessie Durham, a stenographer of H. L. Sanedrs store, returned from Chicago, Monday, where she pleasantly spent the holidays.

Mr. Tom McCain, a well-knokn Chicagoan, who has been visiting relatives at Rome, Ga., will be the guest of Elwood C. Knox, for a few days.

Popular Arthur Williams, the genial mixologist at the Mecca bar, has returned from a ten days' visit with the folks at home, Richmond, Ky.

The matron of the Flanner Guild, Mrs. Virginia Emery, wishes to thank all who remembered her during the holidays, especially the official part of the Guild.

After two weeks of holiday vacation the Flanner Guild kindergarten was opened on January 3. Miss Bessie Coleman, teacher, would like all children present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas and children, of Louisville, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dickerson, in State street, during the holidays.

Messrs. Willis Jackson, Howard Martin, Misses Leona Gray and Buelah Perry, of Terre Haute, attended the opening of the new Walker theater Monday evening.

Entertainment at Flanner Guild Thursday, Friday and Saturday: The Honey Bunch Minstrels; Olio—Banks and Smith, Sam Good, in his new act, the Coal Heaver; Miss Prial Johnson, coon shouter; book agent.

Mr. George Abrams, last year manager of the A. B. C. ball club, will leave Monday noon for an extended trip through the Southwest, visiting in Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

Mrs. Joshua Ash, of Los Angeles, Cal., passed through here this week enroute to her home, from Louisville, Ky., where she has spent several months with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Gray.

Misses Esther Harris and Elizabeth Payne entertained a number of their young friends with a beautiful house party Wednesday evening. About forty persons participated.

Miss Herbert Webber, the popular stenographer of The Freeman, returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays with her mother in Chicago. During her stay she was entertained at dinner by Mrs. Lilly Hutchinson, a box party at the Grand theater by Mr. John Hicks, and other entertainments were given by Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Messrs. Richard Neeley, Jr., and Charles Walker and Mrs. George Harris.

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Desire to know the whereabouts of Dr. Robert Bailey, who was pastor in Nicholasville, Ky., eight years ago. Mrs. Katie Bailey, Nicholasville, Ky.

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BETHEL CHURCH NOTES.

The services held at Bethel church last Sunday were both interesting and profitable. The pastor preached in the morning from the subject "The Man Who Discovers Himself." At 8 o'clock p. m., the pastor conducted a service in memory of seventeen members who died during the year. At 10:30 Rev. Harry Killibrew, the evangelist, preached an interesting sermon, while the choir rendered excellent music all day.

Tomorrow morning Rev. Killibrew will preach, subject "Workers and Others.' In the evening at 8 o'clock Judge Collins will deliver an address, subject, "Pulling Against the Tide." The colored citizens have no better friend than Judge Collins. Be sure to hear his address. The choir will render pleasing music at both services. Revival meetings every night during next week. The public is cordially invited.

A CARD OF THANKS.

The board of managers of the Colored Orphans Home, through the press, wish to thank Miss Elizabeth Mays, the Christian Endeavor of Bethel A. M. E. church, the Thurman W. C. T. U., the Florence Nightingale Club, Class of Allen Chapel Sunday school, members of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Miss Hazel Wood and all others who kindly remembered the little folks of the Colored Orphans Home at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

The children heartily enjoyed the gifts and the managers appreciated the thoughtfulness which provided the additional pleasure to the usual Christmas treat we give the children on behalf of the board. Mrs. A. R. Taylor, president.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Walker theater has been secured by the committee of management of the Colored Mens Branch Y. M. C. A. for the holding of the "Monster Meeting" each Sunday afternoon and on next Sunday, January 7th, the Honorable W. L. Taylor, ex-attorney general of Indiana, will deliver an address on the subject, "Efficiency, the Gateway to Sussess." A large crowd is expected as Mr. Taylor has ever proven himself a strong friend to the Negro. Miss Myrtle Broadie will be the soloist of the occasion, and the Y. M. C. A. quartette, composed of eMssrs. Carson, Richey, Butler and Cottman, will sing. The Y. M. C. A. band will give a concert in front of the theater beginning at 2:40 p. m., and the orchestra will render special music on the inside of the theater. Special arrangements are being made for the handling of the crowd and an interesting meeting and program is promised all who attend.

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CENTRALIA, ILL.

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Mr. R. Pope, of Chicago, Ill., is here visiting relatives and friends....Mrs. W. Bunch has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Madison....Mrs. B. Madison, of Chicago, Ill., was here during the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bunch....There was a dance given at Masonic hall last Saturday....Mr. G. Sherry has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio....Mrs. M. Porter visited friends at Elkville this week....Miss Polly Hester is somewhat recivered of her sickness....Miss C. Cash of St. Louis, Mo., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cash....The C. W. I. Club gave its fourth banquet at the hall Dec. 28th. The following was rendered: instrumental solo by Mrs. M. Porter, president; annual address, Mrs. W. Brock; solo, Mr. J. W. Carneal; recitation, Mrs. J. W. Carneal; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Leak; selected reading, Mrs. Laura Simpson; solo, Prof. W. R. Harding; address, "Negro Women in Club Life," Mrs. Skinner. A three-course supper was served, during which the master of ceremonies, Mrs. W. R. Harding introduced the speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Porter who toasted our men, and Mr. Skinner who responded with our women...Mrs. Crouder, of Owensboro, Ky., is here visiting her son, Prof. W. R. Harding....Mrs. F. Brouder, Covington, Tenn., is here visiting her husband who works in the I. C. R. R. shops....Rev. Young, of Dugoin, Ill., was called to preach last Sunday at the Second Baptist church, owing to Rev. Allison being on the sick list. The schools all opened on Tuesday.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Leola Walker entertained the Elite Thimble Club and their friends at her home, 911 East Fraut street....Miss Blancher Hoagland enjoyed the New Year with friends at Springfield, Ill...Company G entertainment and ball was quite a success and the music was grand; also a large attendance....Miss Leora Walker entertained a house party at her residence Wednesday evening. The guests present were Mrs. Alice May Jones, Miss Jessie Jorden, Miss Mildred Browne and Mr. Lewis Johnson....Miss Edna Stearles entertained Thursday evening at her home 602 North Prairie street....Mr. Walker Duff and Mr. David Strickland were in the city Thursday.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

MME. NAOMI STEVENS IN DRAMATIC RECITAL

BROWN'S INVITATION GLADLY ACCEPTED

Swell Banquet Given by the Capital Social Club—Many Prominent Citizens Pass Away—Holiday Social Happenings.

By Hardin Tolbert.

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Madam Naomi Stevens, a dramatic reader, appeared in a grand recital at Paris, Ky., before the State Teachers' Association, and she left an everlasting impression upon them with her clear diction and exact articulation, and her impersonations were without an equal. Madam Stevens is a resident of Covington, Ky., at 130 East 9th street, and will appear in this city soon.

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The Louisville correspondent, Prof. Lee L. Brown, former instructor at the Eckstein Norton Institute, and principal of the Henderson public schools, is now conducting a typewriting, shop and correspondence school. Prof. Brown failed to tell the Frankfort people of the great progress Louisville, with her 50,000 colored population, is really making along the religious, educational and industrial way. Frankfort, with her 4,000 colored population, is making progress in proportion to the great metropolis of the State. I accept the invitation that was presented to me by "Chum" Brown, but as to my coming to Louisville to get inspiration to help build a new Frankfort, I hardly think it would be any use, because any one that knows anything about that city would say it is no use. I extend an invitation to you, "Old Philosophy," when you will give more than a couple of hours time, to get off the train and ride to the new State Capitol and back to the train, to come and see what we are doing.

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The Capital Social Club gave a swell banquet at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday night. Mr. Luther Taylor had the hall decorated very impressively. The women were dressed in velvet gowns, which made them look very attractive. The men were dressed in evening costume, and all came in hacks. A three-course menu was served.

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Mr. Wm. Barnett, a well-known and respected young man, met sudden death December 5, 1911. Mr. Barnett was shot and killed by Mr. Obe Wilson, rooming in the residence of Mrs. Tenie Mortons. Barnett was a resident of Russellville, Ky., and was a former student of the Normal Institute here. While asleep in his bedroom with three schoolboys Mr. Wilson cut the telephone wires and entered the house and went to the boys' room and aroused them by saying to each one, "Who are you?" And when the question was asked Barnett he jumped from the bed and answered, "I am Mr. William Barnett," when Wilson fired a fatal shot with a shotgun.

The Resolutions.

Whereas, The fell hand of pitiless death has torn from among us our beloved comrade and classmate, William Barnett, we, his classmates and companions, can but bow in grief and express our deep condolence for his bereaved relatives and all to whom he was near and dear.

Whereas, His early career was short, we believe that Heaven has gained by our loss. Be it

Resolved, That since the All Wise has seen fit to visit the earth and take from among us one of our brightest stars, we now in all the sadness that can be brought to bear trust that his bereaved relatives and friends may be consoled by the language of Job, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We are sorry to witness the death of Mr. Barnett, but it has pleased Almighty God to call him from labor to reward.

He was honest and upright. He leaves many relatives and a host of friends to mourn his death.

GRIFFIN TAYLOR,
ROBERT JEWETT,
MISS LENA CARTER,
W. J. Piguees,
Committee.

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Notes.

Mr. C. F. Higdon will leave for Georgetown Monday to accept a position in the embalming establishment there. Mr. Higdon is a plasterer, cement finisher, barber and undertaker.

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Mike Turpin, of Louisville, was the guest of Mrs. Sarah Williams recently.

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Mrs. Mary Jackson, of Cynthiana, is in the city, the guest of Mary and Annie Alexander.

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William White has returned from Cynthiana.

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Mrs. Margaret Washington, a reliable old citizen, fell and sprained her ankle very badly.

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Mattie Carter, of Lexington, is the guest of Lillian Ellis.

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The united revival began at the A. M. E. church Monday night.

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A large crowd attended the dancing school at the Odd Fellows' Hall Monday afternoon.

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Geo. W. Martin was in Louisville recently on business.

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Mr. James Morton has returned to Cincinnati after a plasant visit with his mother.

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Miss Mary Linsey received a $25 gold bracelet from Mr. Morton Nelson as a Christmas present.

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Prof. J. Ray, of Hodgesville; B. Lark, of Hallsville, spent Xmas in the city.

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Prof. Nelson Bryant, of Bardstown, stopped over in the city recently en route to Paris, Ky.

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The united revival began at the A. M. E. church January 1.

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Miss Charity Boyd spent Xmas in Kansas City, Mo.

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Mr. A. D. Brown, of Indianapolis, is in the city.

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Prof. W. M. Bennett, of Greenville, Ky., passed through the city en route route home recently.

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Miss Wallace M. Allen, a popular young lady of Lawrenceburg, Ky., had a delightful visit at the Teachers' Association meeting at Paris, Ky.

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Misses Georgie Reed of Covington, Bessie Hathaway of Richmond, Georgia Fleming of Waddy, Marie Samuels of Shelbyville, spent Xmas in the city.

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Mrs. Herman Morton, of Cincinnati, is a guest of Mrs. Taylor. She took dinner with Mrs. Handy before leaving.

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Mary Walker, of Lexington, was the guest of Linsey Woolridge at the Capital Social Club banquet Friday night.

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Prof. J. Morberley, of Alomalt, Ky., is in the city.

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Mr Carroll Handy has gone to Cincinnati to visit his brother and sister-in-law.

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Mrs. Alice Brown gave a swell reception at her residence on Wilkerson street recently. The house was decorated in the regular Christmas attire, with different colored bells and many strings of mistletoe stretching in different directions across the room. The dining-room was beautifully decorated. The menu: Turkey, salmon salad, mushrooms and peas, mixed sweet pickles and beaten bissuits, celery and wafers, country ham, baked fish and lemons spread on top, black cake, egg nogg, candies, fruits, nuts and black coffee. Twenty-five guests were present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Susan Butler entertained at a swell lunch Mr. Robert Johnson, of Louisville; Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Sam Marshall and wife, Rev. J. W. Gordon and wife.

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There will be a great contest opened in next weeks issue of this paper.

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Mr. Vent Jessie and Mrs. Mary Russell were united in the bonds of matrimony the 27th of December at 3 o'clock p. m. at the bride's residence on Third street, by Rev. T. A. Thompson. The groom is very smart and is a grader by trade. He gave his bride $40 for a bridal present.

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Prof. R. D. Roman, of Eminence, Ky.; H. T. Jones, J. W. Payton, Moses N. N. Brown, M. Jackson, F. Walker, of Henderson; Misses Elnora B. Lee, Georgia Moore, of Louisville, passed through the city enroute to Paris, Ky., to attend the State Teachers' Association.

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Mrs. Payton and daughter, Miss A. M. Payton, have returned to their home in Louisville, after a delightful visit with Mrs. Agnes Morton and family. Many receptions were given in their honor.

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Your correspondent will sell tickets for the Maud Powell recital at the Frankfort Pressing Club. When coming there to get a Freeman don't forget to get a ticket to hear the greatest woman violinist on the American stage.

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Prof. Z. L. Davis and wife, of Murray, Ky., were in the city recently, guests of Mrs. Davis's parents.

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Mrs. J. H. Lyons, wife of Prof. Lyons, of the Normal Institute, gave a swell reception at their residence. Mrs. Lyons is domestic scientist at the Governor's mansion. The pretty residence was artistically furnished and beautifully decorated with mistletoe and red bells. Many members of the guests gracefully played the piano. A five-course menu was delightfully served. The honored guests were: Profs. C. C. Reed, H. C. Russell, F. S. Collins, R. Hammons, Mr. and Mrs. James, Prof. Shobe, Misses Rosy Walker, Martha Williams, Sallie Lyons, Mrs. Carrie Rider, Mr. T. Berry.

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Dr. G. P. Todd, who met with an accident in Chicago by a railroad train, which caused his death, was brought to this city Thursday. Dr. Todd is a member of one of the most highly respected families in the city. He was a graduate of the Clinton-street High School, Normal Institute and Howard University, Washington, D. C., medical department. Dr. Todd's funeral was held at the A. M. E. church, the services being conducted as follows: Prayer and Scripture, song by choir, solo by Rev. E. J. Jackson, resolutions by Miss Virgia Madison, of the city public schools; resolutions by Mrs. Sadie Reid in behalf of the Normal Alumni Association; benediction. The remains were laid at rest at the White cemetery.

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Mr. Allen Warren gave a swell reception at his mother's residence (Mrs. Harrit Spalding) on Third street. The house was beautifully decorated and music was furnished by the Redman Orchestra. The menu served follows: Tokay punch, salmon croquettes, mushrooms and peas, olives, celery, roast turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, potato salad, fruit, ice cream, mixed cakes, Swiss cheese, wafers and coffee. The guests were handsomely gowned and came in hacks and autos.

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Mr. Irvine Russell gave a dinner in honor of Viola Hays, of Cincinnati, at his mother's cosy residence on Logan street. The house was decorated with different colors of carnations, which were framed together in the shape of an arch, under which the guest walked, and there were many potted flowers, with strings of carnations from one corner of the room to the other. The guests were: Misses H. Berry, Ruth Asberry, of Cynthiana; K. Gains, L. Buckner, M. Robertson, Lillie Warren and Mrs. Link, of Chicago; Messrs. R. Hall, N. Moton, L. Smith, J. B. Booker, J. H. Hall and Prof. Geo. Hayes. A four-course dinner was served.

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The Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26 gave a swell banquet at the Odd Fellows' Hall Wednesday evening, December 27, 1911. The hall was beautifully decorated. The music was furnished by Cole V. Bush's orchestra. The installation of Most Worshipful Master Robert Ford and other officers of the craft was conducted by P. G. S. W., W. H. Mayo. The menu: Oysters (fried), cold turkey, country ham, salmon salad, sweet pickles, French peas on lettuce, chees and wafers, beaten biscuits, assorted cakes, ices, candies, fruits, nuts, black coffee. Dr. C. C. Underwood was toastmaster. "Our New Craftsmen," Dr. W. H. Goodwin; response, P. W. Williams; "The Star in the East, but Invisible," T. K. Robb; response, Mrs. Mary L. Brooks; "The Commandery, 'On to Washington,'" by Prof. William Mayo, a valedictory address, which was right to the point. The guests were all dressed in fine costumes and came in hacks and autos.

IN BOWLING GREEN, KY.

A Business League Was Organized—The Emancipation Celebration to be Held at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. Church Monday at 11 O'Clock.

By J. F. Moxley.

The Local Business League was reorganized at the Park City drug store last Thursday night with thirty-two members in roll. The election of officers as following: G. R. Vas, president; A. J. Duncans, first president; S. K. Jones, second president; J. F. Moxley, financial secretary; Miss Virgie Carpenter, correspondance secretary; Mrs. Lue Coleman, assistant secretary; Board of Directors, C. E. Loving, O. D. Porte, J. E. Kuykendall, John Royster, John Gordon, Prof. C. T. Cook, Dr. S. W. Yarborough, Miss Nellie Taylor, Treasurer.

The Emancipation celebration was held at Taylor's Chapel A. M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Boots was the principal speaker of the day. The parade began at the Bowling Green Academy and marched through the principal streets of the city then to the church. All civil organizations were represented. The Business League took an active part in the celebration which has had new life put into it and hope for greater success in the future.

Rev. Green Price, pastor of Taylors Chapel A. M. E. church, delivered an excellent sermon last Sunday morning taking for his Script lesson the sixth chapter of Jeremiah, which was most wonderfully illustrated describing the practical backslider and the hypocritic backslider. A series of meetings will be held at Taylors Chapel A. M. E. church, beginning Jan. 1st. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. E. P. Reid, and Miss Fannie Wilson were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m., at the residence of the bride on Upper Center St., Rev. Green Price was the officiating clergyman for the occasion. Many friends were present to witness the wedding, after which the guests were entertained to the highest in the reception room which was beautifully decorated with colors of pink and white. Many beautiful presents were presented for their comfort.....Miss O. F. Porter and Miss Beulah Haskins spent the holidays in Louisville, Ky., with friends and relatives of the city. After the holidays Miss Beulah Haskins will go to Indiana and select for her choice some school for the purpose of taking a teacher's course. ....Mrs. Lena Potter and her son Euwin Potter spent the holidays in Louisville, Ky. Miss Ada Jackson who went to Louisville, Ky., to spend Christmas has been stricken sick and is unable to return home. Many friends wish for her recovery of illness....Mrs. H. E. Moxley entertained at dinner at her residence Tuesday, Rev. and Mrs. A. Jackson, Messrs. Willie W. Jackson, Bertie Jackson, Misses Mary Jackson and Mary R. Robinson. Fruits, salads, boiled custards, fowls, cakes, ices, etc., were served....Miss E. B. Mitchell, the daughter of Rev. Robert Mitchell, pastor of State Street Baptist church, departed this life December 30, 1911, at about 12 o'clock p. m. The funeral service will be taken up in the next issue of the Freeman.

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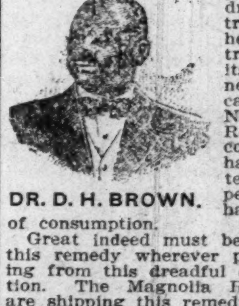

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